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BRAZIL GAGGED

GUADALAJARA: Brazilian World Cup officials have told their player to talk in public only about football or risk being sent home.

Team official Nabi Abi Chedid said: "We have recommended to the players to restrict their statements to Soccer. That's what they are here for."

He said that if they did not they would be dropped from the team and sent home.

Chedid admitted that press reports saying that midfielder Socrates had criticised the World Cup organising committee for favouring Brazil and Mexico had affected the team.

"Even though Socrates said he had been misquoted, we know that FIFA president Joao Havelange (of Brazil) was upset with his remarks," Chedid said.

"I think Havelange has a point because FIFA is doing a great job and players are here to play Soccer, not to judge or discuss politics," he said.

Brazilian striker Walter Casagrande said he did not agree with the decision to restrict players' remarks "but then I'm just an employee."

"The decision does not affect me because I don't care about the



Mexico scores against Belgium.

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AND FROM THE
WORLD CUP
IN MEXICO**

IF there were any doubts that Australian Soccer Weekly is the leading Soccer weekly in Australia then they will be cast aside once and for all over the next month.

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We will cover just about every game in Mexico leading up to the magnificent spectacle and pageant involved with the Cup final.

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World Cup Special Edition



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ALL THE NEWS FROM THE WORLD CUP FINALS

DANES THRASH URUGUAY IN BRILLIANT DISPLAY

NEZAHUALCOYOTL: Denmark gave South American champions Uruguay an object lesson in Latin football with an exhilarating 6-1 triumph in their Group E tie in the Neza stadium.

The Danes' brilliant triumph included the tournament's first hat-trick, striker Preben Elkjaer scoring once before the interval and twice in the second half.

The so-called "Group of Death" has produced the liveliest football of these finals and this latest, breathtaking instalment had something to suit nearly every taste.

Much of the credit must to go referee Antonio Marquez of Mexico who imposed his authority on the game by sending off Uruguayan hitman Miguel Bossio for a second yellow-card offence in the 19th minute.

Marquez also cautioned Uruguayan striker Jorge da Silva and Danish defender Ivan Nielsen and his cool handling of a highly-charged encounter allowed the dazzling Danes the freedom of expression.

The result means Denmark have joined Brazil as the only teams in the tournament certain of going through to the second phase after the first two rounds of group matches.

But the match was tinged with sadness for the Danes, Jens Joern Bertelsen being carried off in the second half after being cruelly hacked down by de Silva.

Bertelsen was later taken to hospital with a broken ankle.

Elkjaer, who plays for Verona in the Italian league, scored in the 11th, 68th and 79th minutes.

Soeren Lerby, in the 41st, Michael Laudrup, in the 52nd, and substitute Jesper Olsen, after 88 minutes, raised the tally to six. Uruguay's reply, a 45th-minute penalty by Enzo Francescoli, was irrelevant.

While the Danes put on a dashing display which injected much-needed excitement in to a tournament which has been marked by defensive play, the disappointing Uruguayans again blackened their reputation by their cynicism.

Denmark took the lead when captain Morten Olsen picked out Laudrup on the edge of the Uruguayan box and the Juventus striker danced past two defenders before providing the perfect pass for Elkjaer to score his 34th goal in 55 internationals.

Denmark emphasised their superiority four minutes before the interval when Frank Arnesen, a constant source of danger on the right, delivered a beautifully weighted pass for Lerby to score from six metres.

Uruguay's solitary reply, a coolly taken penalty by Francescoli after he had been impeded by Soeren Busk was a brief interruption to Denmark's overwhelming superiority.

Denmark's five-man midfield quickly regained control and Laudrup restored their two-goal advantage with a superb individual

effort shortly after the restart.

Collecting the ball midway inside the Uruguayan half, Laudrup meandered out to the left, accelerated into the box, rounded goalkeeper Fernando Alvez and stroked the ball into the empty net.

With the Danish reign absolute, Elkjaer went

on to his hat-trick.

In the 68th minute he pounced when Alvez stopped but failed to hold a Laudrup shot and 11 minutes later he completed a solo run from the halfway line with a clinical finishing shot.

Elkjaer, who scored in Denmark's opening win against Scotland, turned provider in the dying minutes when after another bursting run from halfway, he unselfishly passed to Olsen

who scored with justifiable arrogance.

DENMARK: Troels Rasmussen; Soeren Busk, Morten Olsen, Ivan Nielsen, Soeren Lerby, Klaus Berggreen, Jens Joern Bertelsen (Jan Molby 55th min), Frank Arnesen, Henrik Andersen, Preben Elkjaer, Michael Laudrup (Jesper Olsen 81st min).

URUGUAY: Fernando Alvez, Nelson Gutierrez, Eduardo Acevedo, Victor Diogo, Miguel Bossio, Jose Batista, Mario Saralegui, Sergio Santin (Jose Zalazar 55th min), Antonio Alzamendi (Venancio Ramos 55th min), Jorge da Silva, Enzo Francescoli.

REFEREE: Antonio Marquez (Mexico).

GERMANS COME FROM BEHIND

QUERETARO: West Germany, true to their tradition of getting it right when they have to in major tournaments, came from behind to beat Scotland 2-1 in a gripping Group E game.

WORLD CUP

Gordon Strachan gave Scotland the lead in the 18th minute but Rudi Voeller equalised only four minutes later. The West German winner came from Klaus Allofs in the 50th minute.

After drawing their opening game with Uruguay, the Germans now look certain to qualify from their section, the toughest of the six groups.

But Scotland's chances have slipped away with their defeats against Denmark and now against West Germany, even though they played with zest and skill in both matches.

West Germany had most of the early pressure before the Scots began to assert themselves and take the lead when Strachan, gathering a pass from Roy Aitken wide on the right of the box, hit a first-time shot from an acute angle past Harald Schumacher.

Only four minutes after Strachan's goal, Pierre Littbarski produced an inspired pass to Allofs on the left touchline. Allofs played the ball across to Voeller who had only to jab it home.

The same three players were also involved in West Germany's win-

ner. Another brilliant Littbarski pass found Voeller who was tackled by Scottish sweeper Willie Miller but the ball broke for Allofs to knock in his second goal of the tournament.

West Germany continued to have most of the play in the second half but Scotland did go close to a late equaliser when full-back Richard Gough, surging into the penalty area, headed Davie Cooper's cross just over the bar seven minutes from time.

Littbarski was the man of the match, fully justifying West German manager Franz Beckenbauer's decision to bring him into the team in place of defensive midfielder Andreas Brehme.

Scotland had four players booked in the match — Strachan, for leaping over the boarding behind the goal to celebrate scoring, Steve Archibald for retaliation and Eamonn Bannon and Maurice Malpas for fouls.

WEST GERMANY: Harald Schumacher, Thomas Berthold, Karlheinz Foerster, Klaus Augenthaler, Norbert Eder, Hans-Peter Briegel (Dietmar Jakobs 63rd min), Lothar Matthaus, Felix-Wolfgang Magath, Pierre Littbarski (Karlheinz Rummenigge 76th), Rudi Voeller, Klaus Allofs.

SCOTLAND: Jim Leighton, Richard Gough, David Narey, Willie Miller, Maurice Malpas, Gordon Strachan, Graeme Souness, Roy Aitken, Steve Nicol (Frank McAvennie 60th min), Eamonn Bannon (Davie Cooper 75th), Steve Archibald.

REFEREE: Ioan Igne (Romania).

IRAQ STRETCH BELGIUM IN RUGGED ENCOUNTER

TOLUCA: Belgium scrambled a 2-1 win over an Iraq side reduced to 10 men for almost all of the second half.

The group B game, marred by six bookings and the dismissal of Iraqi defender Basil Gourgies, looked as if it was going to be a one-sided romp for the Belgians when they took a two-goal lead in 21 minutes.

But Iraq, rising to the vocal support of the 11,200 crowd, staged a stirring fightback and in the end the Belgians were fortunate to record their first win of the tournament.

Iraq pulled back a goal 12 minutes into the second half when winger Ahmed Rahdi smashed home from 15 metres after bursting into the penalty area from the right.

The goal came a few minutes after Gourgies was given his marching

orders by Colombian referee Jesus Diaz, apparently for kicking Enzo Scifo.

Five other Iraqi players and Belgian striker Nico Claesen earned yellow cards. The Iraqi bookings resulted from excessive exuberance rather than violent play.

The Iraqis, buoyed by the goal and with Ali Hussein having an inspired game in midfield, pressed forward for an equaliser.

The Belgians, who lost 2-1 to Mexico in their first group game, seemed to have the game wrapped up at the interval, thanks mainly to an inspired 45 minutes by Waregem striker Philippe Desmet.

He was everywhere, and, with Stephane Demol dominating mid-

field, it was not surprising when Belgium went ahead after 15 minutes.

Scifo collected a pass from Jan Ceulemans, steamed into the penalty area and rifled the ball past goalkeeper Raad Hammoudi's right hand.

Six minutes later the Belgians were 2-0 up. Claesen calmly drove home a penalty after full-back Khalil Allawi had upended Franky Vercauteren.

IRAQ: Raad Hammoudi, Khalil Allawi, Nadhum Shaker, Bameer Shaker, Ali Hussein, Haris Mohammed, Ahmed Rahdi, Karim Saddam (Rahim Hameed 81st min), Basil Gourgies, Netaq Hashem, Ghanem Uralbi.

BELGIUM: Jean-Marie Pfaff, Eric Gerets, Franky Van Der Elst, Stephane Demol (Georges Grun 88th min), Michel de Wolf, Enzo Scifo (Leo Clijsters 67th min), Rene Vandereycken, Frank Vercauteren, Jan Ceulemans, Nico Claesen, Philippe Desmet.

THE WORLD CUP IN FULL DETAIL

GROUP A

ITALY 1 (Altobelli)	BULGARIA 1 (Sirakov).
ARGENTINA 3 (Valdano 2, Ruggeri)	STH KOREA 1 (Chang-Sun).
ITALY 1(Altobelli pen.)	ARGENTINA 1 (Maradona).
STH KOREA 1 (Jong-boo)	BULGARIA 1 (Getov).
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GROUP B

MEXICO 2 (Quirarte, Sanchez) BELGIUM 1 (Vandenberg).

PARAGUAY 1 (Romero) IRAQ 0.

MEXICO 1 (Flores) PARAGUAY 1 (Romero).

BELGIUM 2 (Scifo, Claesen pen) IRAQ 1 (Rahdi).

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GROUP C

FRANCE 1 (Papin)	CANADA 0
USSR 6 (Yakovenko, Aleinikov, Belanov, Yaremchuk, Dajka own goal, Rodionov)	HUNGARY 0

FRANCE 1 (Fernandez)	USSR 1 (Rats)
HUNGARY 2 (Esterhazy, Detari)	CANADA 0

P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
USSR	2	1	0	1	7	3
France	2	1	0	1	2	3
Hungary	2	1	1	0	2	2
Canada	2	0	2	0	0	0

GROUP D

BRAZIL 1 (Socrates)	SPAIN 0
ALGERIA 1 (Zidane)	NTH IRELAND 1 (Whiteside)
BRAZIL 1 (Careca)	v ALGERIA 0
SPAIN 2 (Butrageno, Salinas)	v NTH IRELAND 1 (Clarke)

P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Brazil	2	2	0	0	2	4
Spain	2	1	1	0	2	2
Nth Ireland	2	0	1	1	2	1
Algeria	2	0	1	1	1	1

GROUP E

URUGUAY 1 (Alzamendi)	WEST GERMANY 1 (Allofs)
DENMARK 1 (Elkjaer)	SCOTLAND 0
WEST GERMANY 2 (Voeller, Allofs)	SCOTLAND 1 (Strachan)
DENMARK 6 (Elkjaer 3, Laudrup, Jesper Olsen, Lerby)	URUGUAY 1 (Francescoli)

P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Denmark	2	2	0	0	7	4
W Germany	2	1	0	1	3	3
Uruguay	2	0	1	1	2	1
Scotland	2	0	2	0	1	0

GROUP F

MOROCCO 0	POLAND 0
PORTUGAL 1 (Manuel)	ENGLAND 0
ENGLAND 0	MOROCCO 0
POLAND 1 (Smolarek)	PORTUGAL 0

P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Poland	2	1	0	1	1	3
Portugal	2	1	0	1	1	2
Morocco	2	0	0	2	0	2
England	2	0	1	1	0	1

LEADING SCORERS

LEADING scorers after the ninth day of the World Cup finals:

4: Preben Elkjaer (Denmark).

2: Jorge Valdano (Argentina), Sandro Altobelli (Italy), Julio Romero (Paraguay), Ivan Yaremchuk (Soviet Union), Klaus Allofs (West Germany).

1: Diego Maradona (Argentina), Jean-Pierre Papin (France), Nasko Sirakov (Bulgaria), Socrates (Brazil), Oscar Ruggeri (Argentina), Pavel Yakovenko (Soviet Union), Sergei

Aleinikov (Soviet Union), Igor Belanov (Soviet Union), Rudi Voeller (West Germany), Sergei Rodionov (Soviet Union), Park Chang-sun (South Korea), Fernando Quirarte (Mexico), Hugo Sanchez (Mexico), Erwin Vandenberg (Belgium), Norman Whiteside (Northern Ireland), Djamel Zidane (Algeria), Carlos Manuel (Portugal), Antonio Alzamendi (Uruguay), Ahmed Radhi (Iraq), Luis Flores (Mexico), Soeren Lerby (Denmark), Vasily Rats (Soviet Union), Luis Fernandez (France), Plamea Getov (Bulgaria), Kim Jong-boo (South Korea), Careca (Brazil), Marton Esterhazy (Hungary), Lajos Detari (Hungary), Emilio Butrageno (Spain), Julio Salinas (Spain), Colin Clarke (Northern Ireland), Wlodzimierz Smolarek (Poland), Enzo Scifo (Belgium), Nico Claesen (Belgium), Gordon Strachan (Scotland), Michael Laudrup (Denmark), Jesper Olsen (Denmark), Enzo Francescoli (Uruguay).



Denmark's Michael Laudrup.

ALL THE NEWS FROM THE WORLD CUP FINALS

ARGENTINA AND ITALIANS ARE HAPPY WITH FOUL DRAW

PUEBLA: Italy and Argentina settled for a 1-1 draw, fouling their way to a result which satisfied both.

Ricardo Giusti, Sergio Batieta, Diego Maradona, Jorge Burruchaga, Claudio Borghi, Jorge Valdano.

The bad-tempered match left both well-placed to qualify for the second phase from Group A.

World champions Italy went ahead controversially in the seventh minute through Sandro Altobelli's penalty.

The Argentinians, however, were more adventurous throughout but had only a goal conjured by Diego Maradona as reward.

Maradona collected Ricardo Giusti's exquisite chip and with his left foot slipped the ball into the far corner in the 34th minute.

The below-capacity crowd, estimated at about 36,000, had barely settled down when Italy took a seemingly fortunate lead.

The referee awarded a penalty after Bruno Conti's cross appeared to strike Jorge Burruchaga's arm inside the box. Altobelli calmly side-footed the ball past Nery Pumpido.

The setback spurred Maradona into glorious action.

Maradona restored justice 11 minutes later, working a sinuous one-two with Giusti and scoring his first, although surely not his last, goal of the 1986 World Cup finals.

ITALY: Giovanni Gallini, Giuseppe Bersomi, Antonin Cabrin, Saetano Scirea, Pietro Vierchow, Salvatore Bagni, Fernando de Napoli, Antonio di Gennaro, Bruno Conti, Sandro Altobelli, Giuseppe Galderisi.

ARGENTINA: Nery Pumpido, Jose Cucluffo, Jose Luis Brown, Oscar Ruggeri, Oscar Garre,



Bruno Conti — brilliant

BRUNO CONTI — struck the post



DIEGO MARADONA — exultant

DANES UPSTAGE CANNY SCOTS

NEZAHUALCOYOTL: Denmark upstaged Scotland with a 1-0 victory in their first match.

The Scots were given a rude awakening by the talented Danes.

For Denmark, Preben Elkjaer's 57th minute winning goal marked another stage in their development. Fears they might freeze in their first appearance in the finals proved without foundation.

Scotland had the better of an enthralling opening 45 minutes and were somewhat unfortunate to go off at the interval on level terms.

Danish manager Sepp Piontek said he thought his side were "a little bit lucky". He said Scotland played well and still had a chance of qualifying for the next round.

Scottish manager Alex Ferguson said Charlie Nicholas was out of the World Cup with a torn leg ligament. He said Nicholas' fellow striker Paul Sturrock had also torn a ligament and was highly doubtful for the next match against West Germany.

"We played well enough to force Denmark to change their tactics in the second half so we were giving them problems," said Ferguson.

DENMARK: Troels Rasmussen, Soeren Busk, Morten Olsen, Ivan Nielsen, Jesper Olsen (John Silvestre), Klaus Berggreen, Jens Joern Bertelsen, Frank Arnesen (Jan Molby), Soeren Lerby, Preben Elkjaer, Michael Laudrup.

SCOTLAND: Jim Leighton, Richard Gough, Alex McLetch, Willie Miller, Gordon Strachan, Ron Aitken, Graeme Souness, Steve Nicol, Maurice Malpass, Charlie Nicholas (Eamonn Bannon), Paul Sturrock (Frank McAvennie).

ALLOFS IS A LIFE SAVER

QUERETARO: Klaus Allofs scored five minutes from time to give West Germany a deserved 1-1 draw with Uruguay in a

bruising World Cup Group E match.

Allofs effort cancelled out the goal Uruguay scored after only four minutes when Antonio Alzamendi accepted a casual back pass by Thomas Berthold to score.

West Germany launched a desperate drive forward throughout the game, sending on forwards Pierre Littbarski and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge as second half substitutes.

But their furious attempts at an equaliser were thwarted by the brilliant goalkeeping of Fernando Alvez.

The match was a brutal opening encounter in what is widely regarded as the toughest qualifying section.

Uruguay's goal was almost a repeat of the controversial incident in the Spain-Brazil game last Sunday, although then the Spanish were refused a goal.

Alzamendi's shot bounced off the bar and out of the goal but the referee judged it had crossed the line despite West German protests.

The last 25 minutes produced some frenzied attacking by the West Germans with Klaus Augenthaler striking the angle of the post and bar and Berthold twice going close as he tried to atone for his earlier mistake.

Five minutes from the end Karlheinz Foerster steered the ball to Allofs on the left side of the area for him to ram home a shot just inside the far post.

URUGUAY: Fernando Alvez, Nelson Gutierrez, Eduardo Acevedo, Victor Diogo, Miguel Bossio, Jose Batista, Antonio Alzamendi (Venancio Ramos 81st min), Jorge Barrios (Mario Saralesui 57th min), Jorge da Silva, Enzo Francescoli, Sergio Santino.

WEST GERMANY: Harald Schumacher, Hans-Peter Briesel, Tho-

mas Berthold, Karlheinz Foerster, Klaus Augenthaler, Norbert Eder, lothar Matthaeus (Karl-Heinz Rummenigge 70th), Felix Masath, Andreas Brehme (Pierre Littbarski 46th min), Rudi Voeller, Klaus Allofs.

ANGER OVER NO GOAL

TOLUCA: A goal ruled out on the stroke of half time by Sidney Picon, the first referee from Mauritius to control a World Cup match, left Iraq empty-handed after their first attempt in the finals.

Paraguay won the Group B match 1-0 with midfielder Julio Romero scoring in the 35th minute.

The incident, which appeared to unsettle the Iraqi team for the rest of the game, came when Ahmed Radhi headed in a corner as Picon whistled half-time.

The Iraqis, who came here with a reputation for tough, technical football, were more adventurous in the first half. Elegant striker Hussein Saeed going close on a number of occasions.

Paraguyan midfielder general Romero calmed down his nervous side and it was fitting he should score in the 35th minute.

Iraqi coach Evaristo de Macedo later told a chaotic press conference that the referee should have allowed the goal scored.

"He should have blown the whistle before the corner was taken or have let the goal stand as it came straight from the kick," he said.

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HUGO SANCHEZ TURNS THE VILLAIN FOR MEXICANS

MEXICO CITY: Paraguayan goalkeeper Roberto Fernandez pulled off a finger tip penalty save in the last minute to thwart, for the time being, Mexico's hopes of reaching the last 16.

In a Group B match packed with drama and excitement, Fernandez's save, from Mexican national hero Hugo Sanchez, kept the score at 1-1.

With the stadium clock showing full-time Sanchez stepped up to take the kick knowing that a goal and 2-1 victory would put Mexico through regardless of what happened against Iraq.

He hit the ball well but Fernandez lunged to his right and got a fingertip to the ball to deflect it away.

Sanchez was also booked during the game and this means he will miss the Iraq match because he had received a yellow card in the first match against Belgium.

It was ironic that Sanchez, almost looked upon as a saint in Mexico, should have let the fans down while Mexico's two most controversial players, goalkeeper Pablo Larios and striker Luis Flores, were the Mexican heroes.

Flores gave the fans something to cheer after only two minutes 15 seconds when he coolly chested down a cross and slotted the ball past Fernandez to put Mexico one up.

At the other end, Larios was in magnificent form pulling off several tremendous saves.

Larios looked like keeping a clean sheet until six minutes from the end when Paraguayan star Julio

Romero met a cross from substitute Ramon Hicks and headed home for the equaliser.

MEXICO: Pablo Larios, Mario Trejo, Fernando Quirarte, Felix Cruz, Raul Servin, Carlos Munoz, Javier Aguirre, Manuel Negrete, Tomas Boy (Miguel Espana, 57th min), Hugo Sanchez, Luis Flores (Francisco Cruz, 75th min).

PARAGUAY: Roberto Fernandez, Juan Torales (Ramon Hicks 90th min), Cesar Zabala, Wladimir Schettina, Rogelio Delgado, Roberto Cabanas, Aldolino Canete, Alfredo Mendez (Jorge Guasch 61st min).

REFEREE: George Courtney.



JUNIOR of Brazil files during the opening match against Spain.

HUNGARY WIN BUT ARE NOT IMPRESSIVE

IRAPUATO: Hungary scored one of the fastest goals of the tournament and Canada had the first

man sent off in a World Cup Group C game that the European team never dominated but still won 2-1

The Hungarians expunged their own name from the record books as the team to have conceded the quickest goal of the finals. They scored in this game after 110 seconds when Marton Esterhazy scored.

A second goal in the 76th minute by Lajos Detari clinched Hungary's victory although it was far from convincing.

Unhappily for Canada they gained the dubious distinction of being the first country to have a player sent off in the World Cup finals in Mexico when substitute Michael Sweeney received a second yellow card four minutes from full time.

Hungary raced away to an ideal start when Esterhazy before the Canadian defence had time to settle.

The second goal came when Kiprich broke clear on the right and sped into the area. Keeper Lettieri did well to block the shot but Detari, following up, planted home the rebound.

HUNGARY: Jozsef Szendrei, Sandor Szalai, Jozsef Varga, Antal Nagy (Laszlo Dalja 63rd min), Imre Garaba, Jozsef Kiprich, Jozsef Kardos, Lajos Detari, Gyozo Bura (Antal Roth 29th min), Marton Esterhazy, Gyorgy Bognar.

CANADA: Tino Lettieri, Bob Lenarduzzi, Ian Bridge, Randy Samuel, Bruce Wilson (Mike Sweeney 41st min), Paul James (Branko Segota 55th min), Gerry Gray, Randy Ragan, David Norman, Carl Valentine, Igor Vrablic.

REFEREE: Jamal Al-Sharif.

FRANCE HOLD THE RUSSIANS

LEON: European champions France contained the challenge of the much-vaunted Soviet Union, recovering its poise to force a 1-1 draw in a pulsating Group C clash.

The Soviets, who destroyed Hungary 6-0 in their opening match, were not given the same freedom to express their skills.

The Russians took the lead nine minutes after the interval through Vasily Rats, who was an outstanding force in this game.

But France hit back eight minutes later when swashbuckling Luis Fernandez charged into the area to latch on to a

through ball from Alain Giresse and steered the ball right-footed into the net.

It was fitting reward for Fernandez, who broke a French record by making his 30th consecutive international appearance.

It was also justice for France, who cast off the lacklustre mood of their opening 1-0 win over Canada and returned to Leon full of determination.

Michel Platini typified the punchand spirit of the French by coming desperately close with three free-kicks, one of which crashed against the angle of left hand post and crossbar two minutes before the interval.

For the first time since their arrival in Mexico, France recaptured the power and verve which carried them to the World Cup semi finals in 1982 and European Championships in 1984.

RUSSIA: Rinat Desayev, Nikolai Larionov, Vladimir Besonov, Oleg Kuznetsov, Anatoly Demyanenko, Ivan Yaremchuk, Sergei Aleinikov, Pavel Yakovenko (Sergei Rodionov 69th min), Vasily Rats, Igor Belanov, Alexander Zavarov (Oleg Blokhin 59th min).

FRANCE: Joel Bats, William Ayache, Patrick Battiston, Maxime Bossis, Manuel Amoros, Luis Fernandez, Jean Tigana, Alain Giresse (Philippe Vercruysse 82nd min), Michel Platini, Yannick Stopyra, Jean-pierre Papin (Bruno Bellone 76th min).

BULGARIA LOOKING FOR FIRST CUP WIN

South Korea thwarted Bulgaria's ambitions of their first win in a World Cup finals when they held the East Europeans 1-1 in a rain-soaked thriller.

Playing in thunder, lightning and torrential rain both sides put on a highly creditable display of skill but it was the South Koreans who won the hearts of the 45,000 fans.

The Bulgarians, already having drawn with the Italians, are better placed and even another draw against Argentina could put them through.

Striker Plamen Getov put Bulgaria ahead in the 11th minute after the one error that Korean goalkeeper Oh Yun-kyo made during the game.

With the keeper caught way off his line, Getov coolly lobbed the ball over a ruck of play-

ers and into the empty net.

But it was in the second half, with the pitch a mass of puddles and the ball sticking in mud that the Koreans showed their bravery.

They launched wave after wave of red shirted attacks and on numerous occasions were unlucky not to score.

Substitute striker Kim Jong-boo added extra verve to the attack after the interval and he finally gave the Asians a well deserved equaliser in the 76th minute.

Kim took possession in the box, turned quickly and slotted the ball past Bulgarian keeper Borislav Mikhailov.

BULGARIA: Boris Mikhailov, Radoslav Zdravkov, Nikolai Arabov, Petar Petrov, Georgi Dimitrov, Dasko Sirakov, Anyo Sadkov, Stoycho Mladenov, Yivko Gospodenov, Plamen Getov (Andre Yellaskov 57th min), Bojdar Iskrenov (Kostadin Kostanidov 46th min).

SOUTH KOREA: Yun-kyo, Kyung-hoon, Jung-moo, Young-Jeung, Yong-hwan, Kwang-rae (Min-kook 76th min), Chang-sun, Soo-jin (Jong-boo 46th min), Byung-Joo, Joo-sung, Bum-keun.



BRAZIL FIRST TO QUALIFY

GUADALAJARA: Brazil became the first team to qualify for the second round of the World Cup when they beat Algeria 1-0 despite some brilliant goalkeeping by Naceredine Drid.

The Brazilians won their second successive Group D match with a soft goal in the 67th minute.

A cross by winger Muller did not appear threatening until Mahmoud Gouendouz sliced it across his own area.

Fellow defender

Abdallah Medjadi left the ball alone allow Careca to sneak in from behind and slot home the ball from two metres.

The win leaves puts Brazil on four points.

The South Americans dominated the game except for a 20 minute period at the beginning of the second half when Algeria threatened a shock similar to their 2-1 defeat of West Germany in the 1982 finals.

But, the game ended with Brazil dominant and had it not been for the athletic Drid they would have had many more goals to celebrate.

The Brazilians started

SPAIN'S SALINAS in training prior to the match against Northern Ireland.

the game in sweeping style, often pushing forward and causing the Algerians to defend stoutly.

Twice in the first 20 minutes Casagrande, with the goal at his mercy, missed the ball after it had rebounded off an Algerian defender.

The Algerians repeatedly waltzed through an apparently tiring Brazilian defence and the goal from Careca came as a real body blow.

BRAZIL: Carlos, Edson (Falcão 11th min), Edinho, Julio Cesar, Branco, Elzo, Alemão, Socrates, Junior, Careca, Casagrande (Muller 50th min).

ALGERIA: Naceredine Drid, Abdallah Medjadi, Fawzi Mansouri, Fodil Megharra, Mahmoud Geundouz, Mohamed Kaci Said, Salah Assad (Tadj Bengaoula 68th min), Abdelhamid Benmabrouk, Ojamel Menad, Lakhdar Beloulmi (Djamel Zidane 79th min).

REFEREE: Rumulo Mendez.

SPAIN 'CLINGS TO WIN

GUADALAJARA: Spain hung on to beat Northern Ireland 2-1 in a hard fought World Cup Group D match which they should have won with ease.

The Spanish side totally dominated the first half, sweeping two goals ahead through Emilio Butrageno, who scored the fastest goal of the tournament in the first minute and Julio Salinas after 19 minutes.

But a dreadful defensive error two minutes into the second period allowed Colin Clarke a gift-wrapped goal to put the Irish back in the game.

Both sides had good chances to score again as the action became fast and furious. But Spain, thanks to masterly performances by sweeper Ricardo Gallego and midfielder Michel deservedly gained their first win of the finals.

The estimated 30,000 crowd had hardly settled into their seats when Spain took the lead. An Irish move broke down in their own half and a brilliant pass from Michel pierced the Irish defence and found Butrageno who did not break step as he steered the ball into the net.

It was no surprise when Julio Salinas scored a second for Spain not long after, turning and shooting left-footed low into the corner of the net from the edge of the penalty area.

A terrible string of defensive errors by Spanish 'keeper Andoni Zubizarreta changed the mood of the game with the second half just seconds old. He came out of his area to clear a harmless through ball but could only slice the ball into the air.

The ball eventually landed at the feet of Clarke and had the simple task of heading the ball into the net.

SPAIN: Andoni Zubizarreta, Pedro Tomas, Andoni Goikoetxea, Ricardo Gallego, Jose Antonio Camacho, Victor, Michel, Francisco Lopez, Rafael Gordillo (Ramon Caldera 53rd min), Julio Salinas (Juan Antonio Senor 78th min), Emilio Butrageno.

NTH IRELAND: Pat Jennings, Jimmy Nicholl, Alan McDonald, John O'Neill, Mal Donaghy, Nigel Worthington (Billy Hamilton 71st min), Sammy McIlroy, David McCreery, Steven Penney (Ian Stewart 53rd min), Norman Whiteside, Colin Clarke.

REFEREE: Horst Brummeler.



A dejected Bobby Robson.

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SOVIETS START CAMPAIGN WITH A BANG — AND GOALS

THE Soviet Union were being mooted as the World Cup favourites after their 6-0 demolition of the previously highly rated Hungary.

Few were quite prepared for the scale of the devastation inflicted on the hapless Hungarians, who can consider themselves quite fortunate to escape being thrashed by a double figure score.

One wonders what would have happened if the Soviets had Oleg Protasov and elder statesman Oleg Blokhin in the strikeforce, not to mention injured sweeper Alexander Chivadse at the back.

The general consensus is that the USSR machine could continue their roll all the way to the Cup Final at the Azteca Stadium on June 30.

But, the Soviets are still cautious.

"Let's not get carried away by one performance," manager Valery Lobanovsky said. "It's far too early for all this shouting about us reaching the finals."

However, the Soviets could not have produced a more telling performance.

They are notoriously bad travellers but have demonstrated that they have settled well in the heat and humidity.

Lobanovsky, given the manager's job less than a month before the finals, has already passed his first test. His gamble of playing eight of the Dynamo Kiev side which won the European Cup Winners' Cup last month proved to be on the mark.

The Soviets scored three goals in each half. Hungarian manager Georgy Mezey had already given up all hope five minutes after the start.

"After being hit by two goals in the space of two minutes, no team on earth could recover," Mezey said.

"After that we fell apart. We did absolutely nothing. I'm going to have a hard job picking my players off the floor."

Midfielder Pavel Yakevenko slotted home a shot between three Hungarians, in-

cluding the unsighted keeper Peter Disztl in the second minute and only two minutes later midfielder Sergei Aleynikov scored the second after a brilliant build up, finishing it off with a vicious 25 metre drive.

In the 24th minute Igor Belanov was fouled in the penalty area by Garaba and blasted in the spot-kick.

Ivan Yaremchuk scored the fourth in the 65th minute before forcing Laszio Dajka to put the ball past his own goalkeeper only minutes later.

Vadim Evtushenko even missed a penalty, albeit seemingly on purpose after a doubtful decision from the referee before Sergei Rodionov got the sixth 12 minutes from time.

On different occasions the Soviets were arrogant even to the point of disdain.

SOVIET UNION: Dessev: Besonov, Kuznetsov, Larionov, Demianenko; Yaremchuk, Yakevenko (Yevtushenko 73), Aleinikov, Raz: Belanov (Rodionov 70), Zavarov.

HUNGARY: Disztl: Sallai, Roth (Borcsa 13), Garaba, Kardos: Kirrich, Nagy, Detari, Peter (Dajka 63): Esterhazy, Bognar.

REFEREE: L'Agnolin (Italy)



PETER DISZTL is beaten pointlessly by Pavel Yakevenko in the second minute of the match between the USSR and Hungary.

SMOLAREK PUTS POLAND ON TOP OF THEIR GROUP

MONTERREY: Wlodzimierz Smolarek shot Poland to the top of Group F with the only goal of yet another uninspired game to beat Portugal.

Smolarek struck in the 68th minute when he arrived at the far post to meet a cross from Dariusz Dziekanowski and turn a low, well placed shot into the far corner from 10 metres.

It was a sad moment for Portugal's goalkeeper Vitor Damas, the 38-year-old reserve who was called into the team after veteran captain Manuel Bento broke his left leg in training.

Damas completely missed the swinging centre from the right and his error cost Portugal, who dominated the second half, a point which would almost certainly have taken them through to the second round.

There was a sense of ironic justice in seeing Portugal, who had played the first half with cynical caution, being beaten on the break in a sterile match.

Portugal nearly snatched a late equaliser. A goal bound effort by Frederico Rosa was kicked against the inside of a post by a Polish defender but, with keeper Jozef Mlynarczyk beaten, the ball was scrambled away.

The first half was a dire display of poor technique and unimaginative play as the game was fought out aimlessly in an overcrowded midfield.

But in the second period it was a different story. Portugal brought on the dashing, young Paulo Futre and his energetic running and delightful left-footed dribbling frequently undid the Polish defence.

But not even Futre's introduction could entirely lift his side from their negative stance and after Poland's goal they were unable to break

the strong defence.

POLAND: Jozef Mlynarczyk, Marek Ostrowski, Roman Wojcik, Waldemar Matysik, Jan Urban, Stefan Majewski, Wlodzimierz.

Smolarek (Andrzej Zgutczyński 75th min), Ryszard Komornicki, (Jan Karas 57th min), Krzysztof Pawlak, Zbigniew Boniek, Dariusz Dziekanowski.

PORTUGAL: Vitor Damas, Alvaro Magalhaes, Frederico Rosa, Antonio Oliveira, Carlos Manuel, Augusto Inacio, Jaime Pacheco, Antonio Andre (Jaime Magalhaes 73rd min), Antonio Sousa, Diamantino Miranda, Fernando Gomes (Paulo Futre 46th min).

REFEREE: Ali Ben Naceur.

NOTHING GOES RIGHT FOR POOR ENGLAND

MONTERREY: Midfielder Ray Wilkins was sent off and captain Bryan Robson taken off injured as England suffered their worst World Cup humiliation since 1950 when they were held to an o-o draw by Morocco.

Not since they were beaten 1-0 by the United States during the 1950 Cup have England been held in such low esteem on the international scene and by their own fans.

Wilkins, England's most experienced outfield player with 81 previous appearances, was dismissed three minutes before the interval of a depressing game.

Wilkins, who was cautioned in the 39th minute, was shown the red card later for throwing the ball at the referee. He is the first England player to be sent off in a World Cup finals.

But he was not the only sinner on an afternoon of crude fouls, shirt tugging and negative tactics.

While Wilkins' departure was a body blow the fact that it followed only six minutes after Robson had fallen heavily and hobbled away from the game with his arm in a sling meant the heart was taken from England's midfield.

Robson, who played in a harness to protect his twice previously dislocated shoulder, was replaced by Steve Hodge and it was Hodge who had two of England's best opportunities in the second half.

Morocco for their part teased the crowd with tantalising glimpses of their obvious skills, particularly those of Mohamed Timoumi and Abdelaziz Bouderbala.

ENGLAND: Peter Shilton, Gary Stevens (Everton), Terry Fenwick, Terry Butcher, Kenny Sansom, Glenn Hoddle, Ray Wilkins, Bryan Robson (Steve Hodge 41st min).

Gary Lineker, Mark Hateley (Gary Stevens, Tottenham, 76th min), Chris Waddle.

MOROCCO: Baddou Zaki, Khalifa Labd, Abdelmajid Lemrli (Lahcen Duaddani 73rd min), Mustapha Blaz, Mouraddine Bouyahyaoui, Abdelmajid Doimi, Abdelaziz Bouderbala, Krimau Merry, Mohamed Timoumi, Mustapha Merry (Abdelaziz Souleimani 88th min), Abderrazak Khairi.

REFEREE: Gabriel Gonzalez.



JEAN MARIE-PFAFF collects safely for Belgium against Mexico during their first round clash. Belgium were beaten 2-1.

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TOO MANY MISSED CHANCES

CARLOS MANUEL, the veteran Benfica midfielder, provided the decisive goal in Portugal's opening World Cup match against England.

The balding, moustachioed Manuel, who twice threatened to open the scoring, struck in the 75th minute when he converted a cross by Diamantino Miranda to give Portugal a 1-0 victory.

The defeat ended a year-long run of success for England who had won their previous six international matches and it left them at the bottom of Group F.

The result also brought sweet revenge for Jose Torres, Portugal's manager, who was a member of their team in 1966 when they were beaten 2-1 by England in a World Cup semi-final.

The goal came when Miranda outraced Kenny Sansom on the right and caught the English defence flat-footed.

His low cross to the far post was met by Manuel who had timed his run perfectly to sweep the ball high into the net past Peter Shilton.

Portugal had previously been content to hang on for an ill-served draw.

They played five men across midfield, leaving only striker Fernando Gomes in attack.

England, after making a cautious opening, had dominated the second period and were unlucky not to score on several occasions, particularly through striker Gary Lineker and captain Bryan Robson.

The game was played in hot sunshine during the first half and in great humidity and it may have been that Portugal's more cautious and slower-paced game was better suited to the conditions.

ENGLAND: Shilton, G.Stevens (Everton), Sansom, Hoddie, Fenwick, Butcher, Robson (Hodge 80), Wilkins, Hateley, Lineker, Waddle (Beardsley 80).

PORTUGAL: Bento, Magalhães, Rosa, Oliveira, Inacio, Miranda (Antonio 63), Andre, Manuel, Pacheco, Sousa, Gomes (Futre 71).

REFEREE: V.Roth (West Germany)



ENGLISH skipper BRYAN ROBSON goes close with an overhead kick against Portugal.

A SIGN OF THINGS TO COME FOR DIEGO

DIEGO MARADONA is already a marked man. He received an early taste of what awaits him in the World Cup Finals after masterminding Argentina's 3-1 win over underdogs South Korea.

Maradona, one of the world's finest players spent most of his opening performance on the ground, the victim of many crude fouls, the only way the Koreans found to stop him.

Still it did not dim Maradona's flair. Nearly all his country's attacks were orchestrated by the 25-year-old, who is the world's most expensive footballer.

When he crossed for Jorge Valdano to make it 3-0 a minute into the second-half the Koreans looked condemned.

However, South Korea's pride was eventually stung as Maradona and company seemed to feel it was time to take a siesta in the 27 degrees centigrade heat of the Stadio Olimpico.

Skipper Park Chang-Sun scored their first ever World Cup goal after 73 minutes with a spectacular effort and their new-found determination meant they ended the game on a bright note.

The two goals they conceded in the opening 18 minutes settled the issue and meant no serious conclusion could be drawn on the Argentine team, except that Maradona is the life and soul of the side.

It was no wonder that South Korean manager Kim Jung-Nam regretted afterwards: "I only wish we had relaxed at the start of the game."

Kim denied having sent his players deliberately out to mark Maradona.

the rigours of Italy, underlined today that he has matured from the man who was sent off during Argentina's lost match in the 1982 finals against Brazil.

The Argentine captain said afterwards: "There was a little bit of everything, some football and even some Tae Kwando from the Koreans. They were surprisingly hard. But we did the necessary early on and that was enough."

The beginning of the end for the Koreans came in the sixth minute when Maradona took a free-kick.

The ball came back off the wall to Valdano, on the right side of the area, and he shot powerfully past Oh Yun Kuo into the far corner.

After 18 minutes Argentina went further ahead with Maradona getting back to his feet after another foul to float in a free-kick which beat the Korean defence and left Oscar Ruggieri to head home unchallenged.

Valdano's second goal, slotted in with ease from close range after Maradona had again bemused the defence, caught the Koreans cold.

ARGENTINA: Pumpido, Clausen, Brown, Ruggieri, Garra, Giusti, Batista (Olaricochea 74), Burruchaga, Pasculli (Tarla 73), Maradona, Valdano.

SOUTH KOREA: Oh Yun-Kuo, Park Kyung-Hoon, Huh Jung-Moo, Cho Min-Kook, Jung Yong-Hwan, Kim Yong-Se (Byun Byung-Joo 46), Kim Pyung-Suk (Cho Kwang-Rae 22), Park Chang-Sun, Kim Joo-Sung, Cha Bum-Kaun, Chul Soon-Ho.

REFEREE: V.Sanchez (Spain).

NOT A GREAT DAY FOR THE IRISH

NORTHERN IRELAND, dominant in the first half, wilted in the blazing sun and allowed Algeria to recover to grab a 1-1 draw in their opening game.

Both goals came from free-kicks just outside the area.

Norman Whiteside, declared fit shortly before kick-off, gave the Irish a dream start when his ferocious 20-metre shot was deflected wickedly past Algerian goalkeeper Larbi El Hadi.

The goal, plus Ireland's no nonsense, all-action game, clearly flustered the Algerian defence and they could have scored three more times within the first quarter of the game.

But one of Guadalajara's hottest days this year began to sap the Irish strength after half-time and it was no surprise when Algeria equalised in the 58th minute.

Zidane Djamel did the damage, hammering a sweet left-footer past Irish goalkeeper Pat Jennings who was making

ing a record 117th appearance for his country.

By the end Algeria were clearly on top but both tired sides appeared happy to settle for the draw.

Whiteside, a constant danger to the Algerian defence until his substitution 10 minutes from time, almost made it 2-0 in the 16th minute but Algeria's Abdellah Medjadi headed his effort athletically off the line.

Algeria's best hope seemed to lie with Madjer Rabah, but he had to leave the field after 33 minutes and was replaced by Rachid Harkouk.

Harkouk proved an instant success and twice came close to scoring shortly before the Algerian goal.

Irish captain Sammy

McIlroy who had been dictating the play in the middle was booked for kicking Abdelhamid Benmabrouk, with whom he had tangled throughout the game as the Algerians attempted to stifle the Irish number eight's game.

Fawzi Mansouri was also cautioned along with Whiteside and Nigel Worthington, and only the leniency of the Soviet official, Valery Butenko, resulted in all the players remaining on the pitch at the final whistle.

NORTHERN IRELAND: Jennings, Nicholl, Donaghy, J.O'Neill, McDonald, McCreary, Penney (Stewart 67), McIlroy, Worthington, Whiteside (Clarke 80), Hamilton.

ALGERIA: El-Hadi, Medjadi, Mansouri, Nouredine, Guendouz, Kaci Seld, Salah, Benmabrouk, Zidane (Belloumi 71), Karim Rabah (Harkouk 33).

REFEREE: V.Butenko (Soviet Union).

OLE! WHAT A START FOR HOME TEAM

HOSTS Mexico, with goals from defender Fernando Quirarte and national hero Hugo Sanchez, beat Belgium 2-1 in a great start to their Cup campaign.

The Mexicans, winning only for the fourth time in 25 matches in World Cup Finals, just had the edge over their European visitors.

The giant Azteca Stadium, far from full but a cauldron of noise and excitement, saw a rugged battle and a nerve-ringing climax as the Mexicans held off the Belgians.

All three goals came from headers in the first half.

Quirarte opened the scoring in the 23rd minute when he out-jumped the Belgian defence to bullet a header past goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff.

Sanchez expressed his delight by punting the ball into the crowd, a gesture that earned him a yellow card from Argentine referee Carlos Espósito.

Soon afterwards Sanchez, the Mexicans' great hope to lead them to World Cup glory had his own goal to celebrate.

In the 38th minute captain Tomas Boy chipped over a corner from the left, striker Luis Flores back-headed and Sanchez was on hand to nod the ball home.

The Belgians' goal came on the stroke of half-time after full-back Eric Gerets floated a long throw-in into the

box. Mexican goalkeeper Pablo Larios failed to hold the ball and Erwin Vandenberghe nipped in behind him to head into an empty net.



BORA MILUTINOVIC-Mexican coach.

The second half was full of frenetic activity and some harsh tackling.

MEXICO: Larios, Trajo, Quirarte, Cruz, Servin, Munoz, Aguirre, Negrete, Boy (Espasa 69), Sanchez, Flores (Cruz 80).

BELGIUM: Pfaff, Gerets, Van der Elst, Broos, de Wolf, Scifo, Vanderycken, Vercauteren, Caulemans, Vandenberghe (de Mel 65), Desmet (Claessen 60).

REFEREE: C.Espósito (Argentina)

GOALS ARE POLES APART

HISTORY repeated itself when Poland were held to a goalless draw by Cup minnows Morocco.

Just as in Spain four years ago, when they struggled to a goalless draw with Cameroon, Poland were reminded that you cannot afford to underestimate any team in this World Cup.

The Poles, with difficult games against Portugal and England, are far from certain of qualifying for the next round. Manager Antoni Piechniczek's assertion that this squad is better than that which finished third in Spain looks an empty boast.

Poland, with Zbigniew Boniek in subdued form, decided to play spoiling tactics of putting five men across the midfield but were unable to put together a worthy attack until six minutes from the end when substitute Jan Urban broke through and his shot cannoned back off the post.

Morocco, on the other hand, employed their short, square passing and slow build-up to good effect, wearing down the Polish resistance and earning the result they wanted.

From the opening minutes it looked apparent that the deadlock would remain unbroken although, after a first-

halt best forgotten, both sides stepped up the pace slightly in the second and produced one or two flashes of inspiration.

Morocco always looked the most likely to score with Aziz Boudarbala, the man manager Jose Faria had told everyone to watch out for, directing things

POLAND: Mlynarczyk, Ostrowski, Wojcik, Majewski, Mutalik, Kubicki (Przybus 46), Komornicki, Buncol, Smolarek, Boniek, Dziekanowski (Urban 55).

MOROCCO: Zeki, Labd, Lemrie, Biaz, Bouyahyouch, Dolmy, Hadadoul (Souloimani 89), Boudarbala, K.Merry, Timouni (Khairi 89), M.Merry.

REFEREE: J.Martinez (Uruguay)



KOMORNICKI of Poland hurdles **Boudarbala** of Morocco during the stalemate.

APIA 'SNEAK' WIN IN DERBY MATCH

BY FRANK COLETTA

MARCONI hardly had time to realise what had happened to them when APIA's debutant Tony Parison hit a screamer of a goal seven minutes from time to give his side the game 2-1 at Marconi Stadium.

The home side were literally coasting, expecting the inevitable winner to arrive at any time, it did, but against them!

The Fairfielders had the game for the taking on several occasions but an all too familiar occurrence for Les Scheinflug's side denied them. Simply the chances were there but

not taken.

It may seem a contradiction that strikers David Lowe and Rod Brown are playing well but Marconi are missing more goalscoring opportunities than they should.

The first half of the Italian-backed sides' derby was a meek affair, with neither team show-

ing any real zest or enthusiasm in attack.

For all of the lacklustre performances, the first goal came from a fine build up.

At the 39 minute mark Ian Gray made a timely interception some 30 metres from the Apia goal. His pass sent David Lowe away on the edge of the area, his cross was whipped in and Craig Mason latched onto it only to have the body of Tony Pezzano, the Leichhardt goalie prevent it from going in. Peter Tredinnick was on hand to put the ball away.

Apia went into the break one down but came out immediately looking for the equaliser and this they got two minutes into the second stanza.

Ex-Marconi man Vic Bozanic went on a long-striding run into the area where he was uncere-

moniously upended by Lee Sterrey.

Apia skipper and stopper Arno Bertogna duly pinged in the spot-kick.

Again though Marconi took the ascendancy and could have gone ahead on numerous occasions.

Once Janin and Lowe combined for the former to head narrowly wide. In the 67th minute Lowe was again on hand with a superb curling shot that went perilously close to entering the net from 23 metres.

Three minutes later a mad scramble in the Apia area involving Lowe, Tredinnick and Marconi's new Argentinian Osvaldo El Ali who had replaced his fellow countryman Janin resulted in the ball striking the post and all but going over the goal-line. Marconi were soon

left rueing all these chances and a very perplexing refereeing display by Rob Davies when in the 83rd minute young local product Tony Parison latched onto a pass from Mark Koussas and set off on a dribble across the area. After beating Joe Rizzotto in front of the area he let fly with a curling shot that beat the hapless Bruce James point-less.

Marconi then got desperate for the equaliser and with only a minute to go El Ali came close to making himself a hero when he flew through the air to volley a fine cross from Lowe marginally wide.

MARCONI: James, Carter, Rizzotto (Henderson 84), Wheatley, Sterrey, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Brown, Tredinnick, Janin (El Ali 64).

APIA: Pezzano, Steven, Bozanic, Bertogna, Brown, Bundalo, Stewart, Koussas, Lorens, Morsello (Colaguri 59), Parison. CROWD: 2740. REFEREE: R. Davies.

WINN BREAKS GOAL FAMINE

BY GRAHAM COOKE

INTER MONARO striker Steve Winn put the horrors of a goalless National Soccer League season behind him by scoring one and having a hand in the other in his side's 2-1 win over St George at Bruce Stadium.

The win, Monaro's first of the season, comes after a nil-nil draw with Sydney City and increases the hope that the Queanbeyan-based club can repeat last season's spectacular climb off the foot of the table.

Winn, brought from Heidelberg United to put punch into the forward line, was delighted that his drought had broken.

"For the first time this season I was getting regular chances," he said afterwards. "And I could have had another with a header in the second half."

He had special praise for midfielder Attilio Carbone. "We worked together for those goals. He was magic this afternoon."

Winn and Carbone were Monaro's heroes but goalkeeper Nick Antonopoulos was not far behind. Deputising for the sick Steve Hoszowski, he capped a fine display with a spectacular leap to cut out a dangerous cross from Robert O'Shea which could have led to a St George equaliser five minutes from the end.

Monaro took the lead in the 33rd minute. Winn headed across the St George goal to Carbone who cracked the ball past goalkeeper Mike Gibson into the roof of the net.

St George got back into the game in the 67th minute. Antonopoulos saved but could not hold a Scott Ollerenshaw shot. The young striker regained the ball and chipped it across to Andy Koczka who headed in.

Monaro's winner came 12 minutes later, this time Carbone setting up and Winn heading home.



Saints' STUART PORTER

INTER MONARO: Antonopoulos, Tullawa, Budini, Ambrosino (D'Addario 74), Wotherspoon (Pernovic 74), Carbone, Winn, Trajanoski, Walsh, Tillas, Gage. ST GEORGE: Gibson, Skeen, R O'Shea, Lamperopoulos, J O'Shea, M O'Shea, Petkovski (Porter 54), Orsag, Koczka, Moffitt (Ricoy 57), Ollerenshaw.



Marconi's enforcer, CRAIG MASON.

CITY TURNS DERBY INTO DOOMSDAY

BY TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE CITY turned a derby day into a doomsday for Adelaide Hellas at Olympic Sports Field with a 3-1 victory in the SA battle to make the top seven for next year's "Super League".

Apart from the obvious derby atmosphere, the game had added spice with last year's City coach Edmund Kreft in charge of Hellas.

He had replaced Neil McGachey after a stuttering start to the 1986 season.

New City coach

Zoran Matic saw his team carve up Hellas in the first half to lead 3-0.

First it was Joe Mullen in the 19th minute who slid in to score after Steve Maxwell had charged out of the City area to cross the ball into the Hellas penalty area.

Mullen was involved in the second goal when he sent the ball over from the left in the 28th minute to meet Charlie Villani's head on the right, after Hellas goalkeeper Martyn Crook had padded a shot from City fullback Gary Higgins.

Villani struck again in the 37th minute when he collected a ball from Mullen who had beaten Charlie Yankos, took on defender Alan Scott then rounded Crook and slotted the ball home.

For Hellas, Honey-

man looked set for a goal until Aurilio Vidmar cleared off the line.

Into the second half and Hellas started to throw themselves about and the inevitable goal came in the 58th minute.

Central striker Gary Ward on the right side of the home penalty area collected a pass from Yankos to beat City goalkeeper Steve Nisicoli, deputising for Willy McNally, who is out with a fractured thumb.

Ward was there again

when he hit the bar, but at the other end of the park Villani struck Crook's left hand post and the former Socceroo custodian caught the ball on the rebound.

While you can say that Hellas fought back in the second half the class play was with City in the opening stanza to collect two of the most critical SA points of the season.

ADELAIDE CITY: Nisicoli, Higgins, Myskohus, Flounders, Mella, Santac, Villani, Vidmar (Wilde 72), Maxwell, Mullen, Tobin.

HELLAS: Crook, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Honeyman, Hristodoulou, Panagis, Scott, Konstantopoulos, Ward, Price (Manou 57).

REFEREE: J. Rossis. CROWD: 4830. Mella (Adel City) 3, Honeyman (Hellas) 2, Villani (Adel City) 1.

The Editor

WHO would want to be a football referee — and from Australia?

The hysterical outpourings from Mexico over the decision by Chris Bambridge, Australia's only representative at the World Cup finals, would be enough to cause a normal person to retire from the game.

How these people who call themselves experts can make a decision from an oblique angle, possibly more than 100 metres from the goal and in the grandstand on something which took a fraction of a second is astounding.

It is typical of the Australian syndrome which sneers at the person who becomes a success and uses every method to drag them down.

"Cutting down the tall poppies" is the phrase commonly used and the knockers don't particularly care whether their action is right or wrong.

One journalist reported from the ground an 18-paragraph story which called for the blood of the referee, said television replays had shown the disallowed goal in the Spain-Brazil match to be legitimate, claimed the future of the referee at international level was in doubt.

But his last two sentences pointed out Bambridge was not in position to judge the incident, the linesmen should have decided, and therefore the referee must get any benefit of doubt.

People discussing the game and watching replays have been quick to blast Bambridge, even though the television does not clearly show where the ball landed.

They blindly ignore Law 10 which states a goal is scored only when the whole ball has passed over the line.

If half an inch or one centimetre is still on that line, either on the ground or in the air, then it is not a goal. It's as simple as that.

Referees in every sport have to make quick decisions, many of them disputed by sideline supporters who always claim they know better but are never prepared to take up the whistle themselves.

A forward pass in rugby league, offside in Soccer, lbw in cricket, a line ball in tennis — there's always a decision needed to be made.

Unfortunately, the tendency in recent years has been to argue with the umpire, abuse him, force him to change his decision, so that honesty gives way to the bully or the poor loser.

Chris Bambridge made a decision according to what he saw and the information he received from his linesman and despite protests, stuck to his guns.

This is supposed to be the International Year of the Referee.

Australians should be proud to have one of their members at the world's biggest sporting event and he should be given our support.

The loud mouths have been shouting for too long. It's time they learned to work with other people, instead of against them.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

SYDNEY CROATIA TOO STRONG

BY BARRY DAVIS

BLACKTOWN CITY and Sydney Croatia staged one of the most courageous battles seen at the Gabbie Stadium for many years in which Croatia won 2 nil.

Sydney Croatia started the action in the sixth minute when first Shane Clinch then Manis Lamond had very good chances resulting from a defensive mix-up in the Demons' penalty area.

It was only moments later that Blacktown had their first good quality chance when Johnny Bradley switched the play for Joe Carroll to work well with Adam Sandy and Brett Thornthwaite to create a great chance for Robbie Slater.

From that point onward the action flowed thick and fast as both teams had good scoring opportunities but neither could convert them to goals.

The second session started exactly as the first had left off as Black-

town then Croatia seemed to take turns at raiding the other's goal.

We had to wait till the 64th minute for the first goal when Croatia's midfielder Graham Arnold finally escaped the close marking of Peter Denyer to head a goal from three metres after David Cutris had partially saved a thunderbolt shot from Zeljko Jurin.

Three minutes later, Cutris produced the save of the season from a goal-bound Shane Clinch header. Several respected commentators remarked that the save was "World Class".

Blacktown refuse to give in and almost score the equaliser through new signing Paul Kay as a result of a very clever build up involving Carroll and Bradley.

In the last few minutes of the match Jurin beat Blacktown's off-side trap and sped towards the Blacktown goal. Goalkeeper Curtis advanced and unfortunately fouled Jurin in his attempt to save.

Socceroo Zarko Odzakovic converted the resulting penalty.

Referee, Gary Power, showed in this match what a brilliant understanding he has of the game and the players involved.

The match was great entertainment value and if this is the sort of football we can expect both clubs deserve a place in the National Soccer League.

Man of the Match was Robbie Slater and for Croatia right back Wally Savor was outstanding.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Curtis: Willis, Alnoworth, Denyer, Knight, Byrne, Bradley, Sandy, Slater, Carroll, Thornthwaite (Kay 69).

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson: Savor, Kovacic, Rozic, Jennings: Clinch, Arnold, Rumora (Razo 46): Jurin, Odzakovic, Lamond (Dragicevic 83).

REFEREE: G. Power.
CROWD: 3,316.



GRAHAM ARNOLD files high for a header.

LIONS MAKE MERRY IN EASY ROMP OVER GULLY

BY GEOFF STEAD

BRISBANE LIONS continued their Queensland form to score a convincing 3-0 win over Green Gully at Richlands.

Lions supplied nine players to the Queensland team which downed NSW 1-0 at Perry Park last Sunday and coach Col Bennett called for the same commitment from his players for their club match.

And he got it - for 45 minutes at least.

For the first half Lions toyed with an inept Green Gully, which was sadly missing its star striker Paul Lewis, sold the previous day to Melbourne Croatia for \$20,000.

But just when a cricket score looked on the cards with Lions leading 3-0 at the break, the Brisbane team began to take things easy and the second half degenerated into a bore.

Before the match Lions officials feared their side might have been too cocky after the Queensland win, but that was not the case and Lions began brilliantly, relishing the extra space Green Gully openly offered.

Lions were unlucky not to get a third minute penalty for a push on John Ogden and nippy winger Craig Low should have scored from at least one of two dream opportunities within the next ten minutes.

But the home-side finally opened the scoring with a Jim Morton penalty after a foul on Low in the 13th minute.

Goals then followed in the 27th minute by Ogden and the 43rd by Russell Stewart. And both highlighted woeful defence by Gully.

Ogden's effort came from a chipped free kick by Steve Jackson, now playing at left back following Alan Niven's retirement. Ogden raced totally unattended through the Green Gully defence to control the through ball and drove an unstoppable shot into the net.

Stewart's goal came after Gully fullback Joe Vizzini won the ball and then gave it back to Lions. Low squared a pass to Stewart who showed nice skills on the edge of the box to beat two and then slot his shot home.

The less said about the second half the better, but with two points and three goals in their keeping, understandably Lions were more than happy to just run out the clock.

LIONS: Farrow, Bassingthwaite, Liddell, Armit, Jackson, Ogden, R Stewart (Mulvey 56), J Stewart, Low, Wright, Morton.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hogen, Douglas, Fraser, Cannell, Vizzini (Kadiacik half time), Theodosopoulos, McLelland, Campbell (Koca 72), Barichello, Cumming.

NSL RESULTS

NORTHERN DIVISION

MONARO 2 (A Carbone, S Winn) ST GEORGE 1 (A Koczna) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 501.

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (G Arnold, Z Odzakovic) BLACKTOWN 0 at Toongabbie. Crowd: 3316.

SYDNEY CITY 1 (G Gomez) drew with CANBERRA 1 (A Palacios) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1027.

LEICHHARDT 2 (A Bertogna, T Parison) MARCONI 1 (P Tredinnick) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2740.

NEWCASTLE 3 (S Ingham, J Cavanagh, M Jones) CANTERBURY 1 (J Rodman) at Arlington Oval. Crowd: 1271.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Bismic) drew with SUNSHINE 1 (Markovski) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1000.

BRISBANE LIONS 3 (R Stewart, J Ogden, J Morton) GREEN GULLY 0 at Richlands Oval. Crowd: 1672.

HEIDELBERG 1 (D Brown) drew with PRESTON 1 (W Spink) at Heidelberg. Crowd: 4300.

ADELAIDE CITY 3 (Villani 2, Mullen) ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Ward) at Olympic Sports Field.

FOOTSCRAY 2 (Z Lujic 0, Latif) BRUNSWICK 1 (P Wade) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 6134.

SOUTH MELBOURNE v BRISBANE CITY — deferred to Monday.

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	5	2	2	15	8	12
Wollongong	5	2	1	11	5	12
Sydney Olympic	3	5	0	18	9	11
Marconi	4	2	3	15	12	10
Blacktown	4	2	3	11	12	10
Sydney Croatia	2	5	2	14	12	9
St George	3	3	3	11	10	9
Newcastle	2	5	2	12	13	9
Leichhardt	3	2	4	10	13	8
Canberra	2	3	4	9	11	7
Canterbury	2	2	5	11	16	6
Monaro	1	1	7	6	22	3

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Footscray	7	1	1	16	14	15
Brunswick	5	2	2	17	4	12
Adelaide City	4	4	1	17	9	12
Preston	4	3	2	12	6	11
Sunshine	3	5	1	10	7	11
Brisbane Lions	3	2	4	11	9	8
South Melbourne	4	—	4	9	9	8
H'berg	2	4	3	9	12	8
Adelaide Hellas	3	—	6	9	14	6
Green Gully	1	3	5	7	13	5
Melbourne Croatia	1	3	5	4	12	5
Brisbane City	1	3	4	9	21	5

PALACIOS OUTSHINES ISRAELI STAR

THE silky skills of Canberra City's former Peruvian international Augustos Palacios overshadowed the Australian debut of Sydney City's Israeli international, Eli Ohana at the Sydney Athletic Field.

BY RAY GATT

It was Palacios' brilliantly executed goal in the 64th minute which helped Canberra to a 1-1 draw with the Slickers — Sydney City's fifth draw of the season and a result which leaves them in seventh spot on the Northern Division table.

While much of the attention in this game promised to centre around Ohana, things did not quite turn out that way with Palacios stealing the show with his goal.

The Israeli showed some clever touches, but found it hard to adjust to the Australian playing conditions and his form seemed to falter as the match progressed.

Ohana, best remembered by Australian fans for being sent off during the World Cup elimination match against Australia in Melbourne last year, will play another five games for the Slickers as a guest player.

But, City coach Eddie Thomson warned that, although Ohana did not get many opportunities in this game, the Israeli was far too good a player to discount.

"He is a great player and I'm sure we will see the best of him in our next few games," Thomson said.

Although they have lost only two games this

season, Sydney City have struggled to find their true form.

And, as Thomson pointed out, the Slickers appear to have lost their killer instinct.

"It is probably my fault," Thomson admitted, "I have been too concerned with the number of yellow cards we have been receiving lately so I told the players to cool it in future."

"But, we have gone completely the other way and have now lost our aggression."

It is that aggression

and determination which sets the good teams apart from the bad.

Canberra, on the other hand, is a vastly improved side to the one which paraded in the early part of the season.

They have more commitment and new coach Steve Bryant, who is also leading by example, has obviously played an important part.

The purchase of former Sydney City player Jim Cant, who came on as a midfield replacement in the second half and set up Palacios' goal, could turn out one of the best buys of the season.

For Canberra Bryant and his fellow defenders performed admirably



while Palacios stood out up front.

For Sydney City Steve O'Connor played strongly at the back and Frank Farina and John Kosmina looked sharp up front with the limited service they received.

SYDNEY CITY: McPherson, Gomez, O'Connor, Robertson, de Marigny, Watson, Barnes, Ohana, Farina, Kosmina, Saad.

CANBERRA CITY: Franken, Bryant, Byrne, Burke, Dunn, Mihailides (Cant), Palacio (Gilbeon), Sermann, Hamilton, Juenna, Phillips.



ACTION from the weekend match between Canterbury and Newcastle.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

FOOTSCRAY HOLDS WINNING FORM TO GO FURTHER AHEAD

CARLO DEL PORTO

FOOTSCRAY JUST took a stranglehold on the Southern Division League when it overcame second-placed Brunswick Juventus in an often spiteful clash at Schintler Reserve.

Six yellow cards and one send off were ample proof that the match was a bruising affair and the result was in doubt until the final whistle.

In very windy conditions Footscray started the game in an aggressive mood. After just seven minutes they punished Juventus when John Dowie lost the ball in midfield. Footscray veteran winger Zdravko Lujic sped away from his marker Peter Lewis and shot accurately to open the scoring for the home team.

It was a dream start for Footscray and only the second time for the year that Juve keeper

Yakka Banovic had been beaten. In fact, Banovic was forced to wear a protective mask for the game, the legacy of a broken nose, suffered two weeks before against Heidelberg.

The goal had a devastating effect on the morale of the Black and Whites and they made countless errors, especially in defence, as Footscray pressed forward in a bid to notch the second.

The usually cool Juve defence was looking decidedly shaky and the side as a whole was struggling to get back into the game. Just to make matters worse,

Juve was forced to replace the injured Dowie with Mehmet Durakovic in the 24th minute.

Just on the half hour Scott Patterson tried to take on the entire Footscray defence but was foiled in his bid by keeper Nikitovic who cleared the danger. In the last 10 minutes of the first half Footscray was forced to do some solid defending and only a weak header by Joe Sweeney from a Robbie Cullen cross prevented them from being punished.

The score at half time was 1-0 in a tight game that had witnessed just three clear chances in 45 minutes.

The second half started off in scintillating fashion. Juve were desperate to penetrate the solid Footscray defence and the match now re-

sembled a chess game with moves and counter moves from both teams.

However, in the 60th minute the game took a dramatic turn when Lewis who had previously received a yellow card was given his marching orders by referee Don Campbell of SA after an off the ball incident with Footscray's danger man Lujic.



The setback had a dual effect. Juve now threw caution to the wind in a bid for the equaliser while Footscray wanted to press home the advantage of playing with an extra man on the park.

And this scenario was precisely what transpired in the 73rd minute when a rampaging Juve were dealt the second savage blow. Centre forward Sweeney surrendered the ball in Footscray's half and again Lujic was despatched down the left flank, his cross in turn found Ossie Latif alone in the six yard box and he made no mistake to make it 2-0 to Footscray.

Incredibly from this point on Juve virtually took over and Footscray were on the back pedal trying to keep them out at all costs. In the 76th minute Cullen's free kick was headed across the goal by Brian Brown and Paul Wade rose highest to make it 2-1 and this gave Juve some hope of at least salvaging the game.

The last 10 minutes were thrilling as Juve pushed everyone forward in a courageous search for an equaliser. The big crowd of over 6,000 who had witnessed a classic encounter were getting their money's worth. And in the 89th minute Sweeney could have saved the game for Juve but he tried to do a little too much in the penalty area and again was thwarted by Nikitovic.

The game ended 2-1 for Footscray and much praise should go to Lujic who scored a goal and had a hand in the other while for Juventus Robbie Cullen was brilliant and never gave up at any stage.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, Bartakovic, Karic, Vukovic, Belic (Petrovski 68), Tapal, Stoic, Latif, Bozinovski, Lujic, Curovic, coach Drago Sekulaurac.
JUVENTUS: Banovic, Lewis, Brown, Yzendoorn, Campbell, Wade, Cullen, Dowie (24 Durakovic), Palatsidie, Patterson, Sweeney (Veenaver), coach Len McKendry.

BRAZIL GAG PLAYERS

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FIFA administrators' policies. I only want to play football," Casagrande said.

Brazil held a light training session without Zico and Edson, who are both recovering from injuries.

The Brazilians, the first team to make certain of a place in the second phase, play their final Group D match against Northern Ireland on Thursday.

Coach Tele Santana is considering bringing in Josimar on the right side of the defence in place of Alemao who switched to right back when Edson went off against Algeria.

"I'm ready and hoping the coach will decide to give me a chance. If not I will wish Alemao the best of luck. More important is a victory for Brazil," Josimar said.

Other possible team changes are Muller, who came on as substitute in Brazil's first two games, starting the match in place of Casagrande and

Silas, a 21-year-old midfielder who was voted the most valuable player at last year's World Youth Cup in the Soviet Union, replacing Falcao.

NEWCASTLE TOSS CANTERBURY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD took their time to defeat Canterbury Marrickville Olympic 3-1 at Arlington Oval as the home team squandered early chances that allowed the visitors to go home with both League points.

Action broke out in the 9th minute when Nelio Borges, Canterbury's Brazilian midfielder broke away with only Newcastle goalkeeper, Clint Gosling to beat. Borges however was well wide with this golden opportunity.

Five minutes later, Borges whipped a through-ball for Petar Zrilic but the latter was heavily brought down inside the box by Ross Milosevic. No penalty was given.

In the 32nd minute, Newcastle came to the fore and opened their account.

Former A.I.S. striker, Sean Ingham beat no less than three Canterbury defenders to score from six metres.

Four minutes from the break, disaster struck Canterbury.

Goalkeeper Ian Barker went up for a high ball and attempting to punch clear, managed to hit the ball onto John Cavanagh's head with the ball ricocheting back into Barker's own net.

Seconds before half time, centre-back John Radman, received a yellow card from referee Arthur Owens for a bad challenge on a Newcastle striker. The yellow card effectively now puts Radman out for next Sunday's match against Sydney Croatia.

Two minutes after the break, Canterbury broke away as Zrilic advanced into Newcastle's box. Zrilic was brought down but the referee waved play on.

In the 57th minute, Newcastle went ahead 3-0 when their left-back, Mark Jones scored with a thunderbolt 20 metre drive that gave Barker

no chance of blocking. Newcastle then sat back and protected their advantage.

The 70th minute saw Radman pull a goal back for Canterbury as he belted a drive from the edge of the box that flashed past Newcastle's reliable keeper Clint Gosling.

In the 72nd minute, Ingham brilliantly broke Canterbury's attempted off-side trap but was fouled by the advancing Barker outside the box who received a yellow card for his efforts.

The 75th minute saw Canterbury's speedy flankman, Chris Thamnidis attack strongly down the flank to cross into Newcastle's box. An appeal for a "hand-ball" against a Newcastle defender was turned down by the referee, ruling it was accidental.

Four minutes from fulltime, centre-back George Haniotis for Canterbury was booked for a hand-ball offence.

Canterbury have only themselves to blame for their loss having squandered early chances from which Newcastle took full advantage.

Thamnidis badly strained his ankle ligaments and had to be carried from the field. Thamnidis, together with Radman, will miss next Sunday's match against Sydney Croatia.

Best for Newcastle were Gosling, Owens and Ingham whilst Canterbury was best served by Radman, Thamnidis and Spyros Hantzis.

CANTERBURY M.O.: Barker: Karaspyros, Haniotis, Radman, Hantzis: Zilic, Zrilic, Godzik, Petas (Phillippou 50th), Borges, Thamnidis (Svinos 75th).
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD: Gosling: Maier, Jones, Garland, Bannon, Naumov, Owens, Cavanagh, Crabtree, Ingham, Milosevic.
REFEREE: A.Owens.
CROWD: 1271.

ASW'S ROUND-UP OF THE MELBOURNE WEEKEND MATCHES

MELBOURNE Croatia failed to get back on the winning list under newly appointed coach Terry Hennessey when it drew 1-1 with Sunshine George Cross at Olympic Park.

Croatia fielded new striker Paul Lewis, signed for \$20,000 from Green Gully yesterday.

Although Lewis failed to score on his debut he showed glimpses of his old sharp form that has been missing in recent times.

Josip Biskic opened the scoring for Croatia in the 13th minute.

The right wing cross by Steve Gojevic was not cleared properly by the Cross defence and the ball fell for Biskic on the edge of the penalty area.

He controlled the ball well with his right foot and hit a low hard left foot drive into the corner of the net giving keeper Lou Kastner no chance to save.

A minute later Croatia should have gone two goals up when Tony Bonacic charged through the Cross defence and put Lewis clear on the left of the penalty area, but his hard left foot shot just missed the far post.

The game changed in

the second half for George Cross when John Markovski came on as a substitute for the out-of-form Noel Mitten.

With Markovski's first touch he equalised in the 66th minute. A poor defensive clearance by Tony Curcio was headed back into the penalty area by Jeff Faulkner to Markovski who let the ball run to his left foot then hammered the shot past goalkeeper Mirko Runje.

A minute later Markovski scored with a superb left foot volley only to have it disallowed for offside.

The game became scrappy over the final 20 minutes with neither side showing a great deal of imagination.

HEIDELBERG'S new striker Douglas Brown equalised in injury time to scrape a 1-1 draw against Preston Makedonia at Olympic Village.

Brown, who was transferred from South Melbourne Hellas during the week for \$10,000, received a pass from Peter Tsolakis and saw his shot hit the inside of the post and bounce past the groping fingers of keeper Phil Traianedes.

Preston's Warren

Spink scored their lone goal in the 43rd minute.

Preston dominated the game, particularly in the midfield, but were punished for lapses in concentration in the dying seconds of the match.

Heidelberg had its best players in the back line but where Jeff Olver was safe in goal Alan Hunter was solid in the middle and Theo Selemidis swept up efficiently behind the back four.

At the other end, central defender Ian Dobson was outstanding, winning everything in the air and Zoran Ilioski contributed his usual solid game until he had to be replaced in the 76th minute with a groin injury.

Preston's midfield of Graham Heyes, George Petrov and Gary Cole called the tune and outplayed Heidelberg.

Spink's goal was an absolute gem. He picked up a pass from Heyes, burst through the middle and struck the ball home under the diving body of Olver.

Although Preston controlled the game for long periods in the second half it was unable to add to its tally and finally had to be satisfied with an away point.



JOHN PETTAS clears during the Canterbury-Newcastle match at Arlington.

THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY



BECAUSE of the over inflated transfer market and the new league format for next year, many clubs have looked overseas to recruit new players to strengthen their squads.



Indeed you would be hard pressed to find an NSL team without an overseas player in their ranks. But, how many of these players have something to offer the game in Australia and how many are merely accepting their money under false pretences?

I'm all for importing players who have something to contribute to our game. Since the year of its inception, the National Soccer League has been fortunate to have many fine players from overseas playing and providing entertainment for the public by adding flair and skill to the games.

No-one would argue that many of the present

crop of overseas players such as Joe Watson, Dave Ratcliffe, Gary McDowell, Vicente Estavillo and Vedran Rozic, to name but a few, have helped to lift the standard of Soccer in Australia.

However, in the past, good overseas players have tended to be an exception rather than the norm.

Generally, the older imported players who arrive in Australia have reached the age when they are no longer able to compete in the European league and our competition provides the opportunity for them to play for a few years longer than in their own country.

These older players are able to reproduce glimpses of the form they showed in younger days but, because of their age, they cannot maintain this level for 90 minutes.

The young players coming to Australia see our league as their last chance to make a living from the game. If they were quality players then they would surely not be wasting their time

in Australia when there are more lucrative contracts to be signed in Europe.

In the last eight years, St George have had many players from overseas and in that time the only

player to produce the extra-ordinary which is expected from these imports was Dez Marton, who excited crowds whenever he played.

One player in eight years is not a good record and this example is by no means isolated.

The amount of money spent each year by clubs to find out players only to bring they are not up to the required standard is unbelievable.

In the past few years Australia, at under 16 and 19 level, has been able to compete at international level against any nation with distinction. Soccer at the junior level is comparable with the rest of the world.

The results our national teams have produced in their respective World Cup finals proves this.

At present Australia is fortunate that there are an incredible number of excellent young players about.

Some have been given their chance to play in the national league and have responded by turning in some excellent performances. Players such as Ollerenshaw, Kalantzis, Tapai, Markovski, Traianedes, Tsolakis and Spink have shown that the talent is available within Australia.

Coaches should be more concerned with developing the local talent and less enthusiastic about searching overseas for players to fill positions that would otherwise be covered by

the local youngsters.

Too many coaches are frightened to entrust first team positions to inexperienced young players. Overseas, it is generally accepted that a player is old enough if he is good enough and this must become the rule in Australia if our game is to continue to develop.

Young players must be given the chance to play at the top level if they are good enough. How else are they to gain experience!

I'm sure Norman Whiteside and Pele, who both played in their first world cups as 17 y.o.'s would agree with me. It certainly didn't do them or their team any harm.

The move by Eddie Thomson to establish an apprentice coaching scheme for players in the 16 to 20 years age group is a positive step to improving skills and ensuring the standard of the league continues to improve.

The number of players in the first team at Sydney City who have come through the junior ranks of the club to cement permanent places in the team proves Eddie has the knowledge and ability to develop the talent in the

young players.

Investing \$1000 in developing a junior with potential makes more sense than importing a player from overseas who may or may not repay the investment, which no doubt would be much more than \$1000.

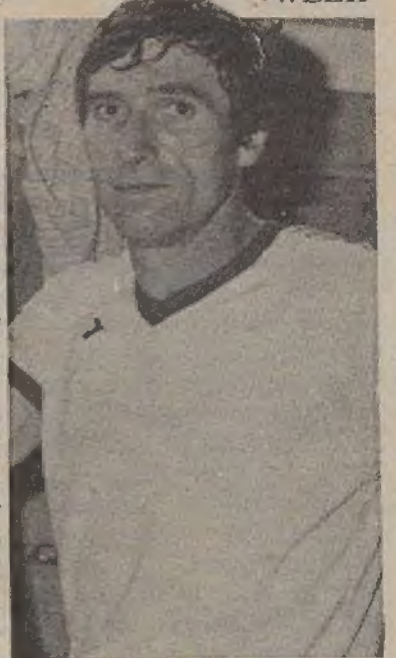
For the sake of Soccer in this country I hope the scheme works and clubs support the venture by assisting players in their ranks who wish to attend.

It sounds like an excellent investment for clubs wishing to secure their future and the future of the game in the country.

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK



DAVID RATCLIFFE, standard lifter.



Dez Marton

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A GREAT PLAYER?

CAN Manis Lamond and Frank Farina become great Soccer players?

I have pondered this recently having watched the players several times via SBS television.

Both players take the eye with their speed and ball control.

Lamond has much tighter control and is absolutely outstanding in tight situations.

Farina appears to need space in which to use his explosive pace.

Speed sometimes can be a handicap to the development of skill.

I always seek it in defenders.

However, with other players there is sometimes an overdependence on speed without sufficient development of other skills.

Speed over short distances is always vital, but in modern Soccer speed gets less chance to be used over longer distances.

I have found that extremely fast players often fail to finish as well as those who play at a more composed pace.

Everton's Gary Lineker with almost 40 goals in the last season contradicts that statement, but in the main I believe it is true.

Most goals in Soccer are scored within 10 yards of goal.

Quick reflexes and speed of movement are often needed there, but no speed over the ground.

Courage is a vital ingredient in the make up

of a top striker — witness John Kosmina and Graham Arnold, both favourite players of mine.

In the case of Manis Lamond he is one of three strikers at Sydney Croatia and could be classed as a maker of goals.

But really with the fewer strikers that play up front nowadays, all strikers should be good finishers.

Certainly Farina needs to be in his role as partner to Kosmina.

A problem for Lamond is that he appears less than happy when tightly marked.

We are not talking about being kicked.

We are talking about withstanding the physical pressure all front players face in modern Soccer, especially key players.

In some ways one could liken Manis as Australia's equivalent to Diego Maradona, albeit taking into account their varying standards of Soccer.

Maradona is not much taller than Lamond, but he is strongly built and this strength allows him to shield the ball and generally compete the way young Lamond currently is unable to do.

Fast players are always liable to be brought down, as Marconi's Peter Sharpe found out so painfully.

You have to be

"smart" enough not to allow that to happen.

You need to be able to read when players are "after" you.

Certainly it is unwise to allow players to think that by hurting you it will throw you off your game.

Once such a reputation grows so will the



FRANK FARINA

amount of physical "attention."

Some coaches and

some players will cynically seek to butcher good players.

These people are a blot on the game.

On the other hand all players are entitled to find out if hard, but fair physical attention puts a player off his game.

If it does the obvious tactic is to keep on using it.

Frank Farina has been around a little longer than Manis.

He is somewhat taller, definitely stronger and is exciting to watch.

He is good value to the spectator.

On the other hand a player's value to his team is measured only by his impact on the game.

Does he score goals, does he set them up? Does he win tackles? Can he take part in interpassing movements? Does he compete, especially does he compete with things go bad? Does he lift others by the things he ways and the way he plays?

Some players in their quiet way possess may of these qualities and are good players, even very good players.

Others possess many of these qualities whilst also being vibrant with speed and skill.

These are great players.

The Soccer world needs such players.

I pose the challenge.

Can Manis Lamond and Frank Farina become such players?

— MIKE JOHNSON

QUEENSLAND DESERVED THEIR WIN ON THE DAY

AFTER an indifferent build up and a few withdrawals, the NSW State team travelled to Brisbane to take on Queensland.

Queensland, out to prove a point in their quest for inclusion in Frank Arok's national squad, really put a lot of stock on the game.

They came out with plenty of determination and in an entertaining game scored eight minutes from the end through striker Kieran Cooper.

NSW were below par on the day but even so had chances to win the game. Two efforts in particular from Graham Arnold and Chris Kalantzis hit the post.

Nevertheless Queensland worked hard as a team for their win and deserved it on the day.

Eddie Thomson was an interested observer at the game as Frank Arok's assistant, running the rule over several players with national team aspirations.

There has been a lot of talk of Queensland not having more players in the national squad, but to be honest even after a good team display, there didn't look any outstanding prospects for Arok's squad.

I can understand States wanting representation, but they also have to be realistic, in that any players outside the big cities are really behind the eight ball where competition is fierce.

Players from the far States have to be better than players who are in the thick of things every week and have to prove

it consistently.

True they don't get the publicity of Sydney and Melbourne players, and in part that is a problem.

In fact, if this new National League format comes into force and the likes of Queensland and South Australia have little or no representation then their prospects are likely to be even bleaker.

Maybe then their cries for a state championship might be the answer.

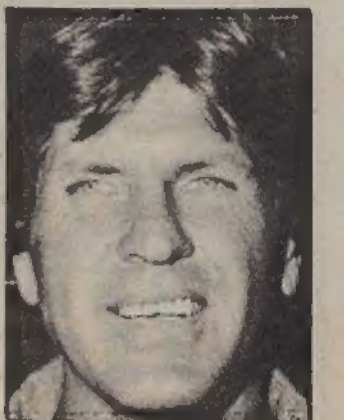
NATIONAL Youth coach Les Scheinflug starts his build up this week with about 30 of the country's top youth players.

These players together with members of the AIS squad will eventually be thinned out to his world squad, with the initial Oceania group championships in New Zealand in January.

He'll really be putting the boys in camp this week under the microscope to see how they handle various situations.

Les is an experienced international campaigner and is well aware of the character and strength needed to compete at this level.

Many teams who reach the finals of the World Youth Cup have players who already have become men in the playing sense, having played regularly in their



NSW State coach
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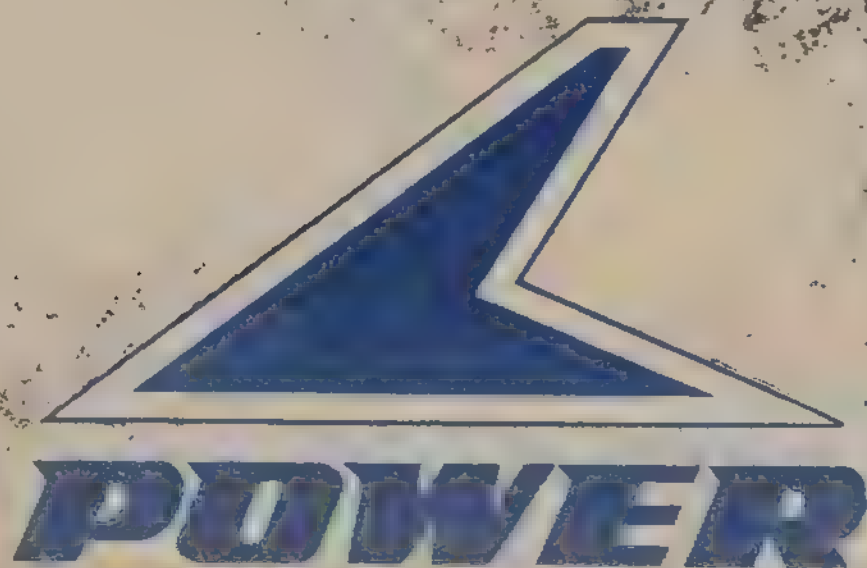
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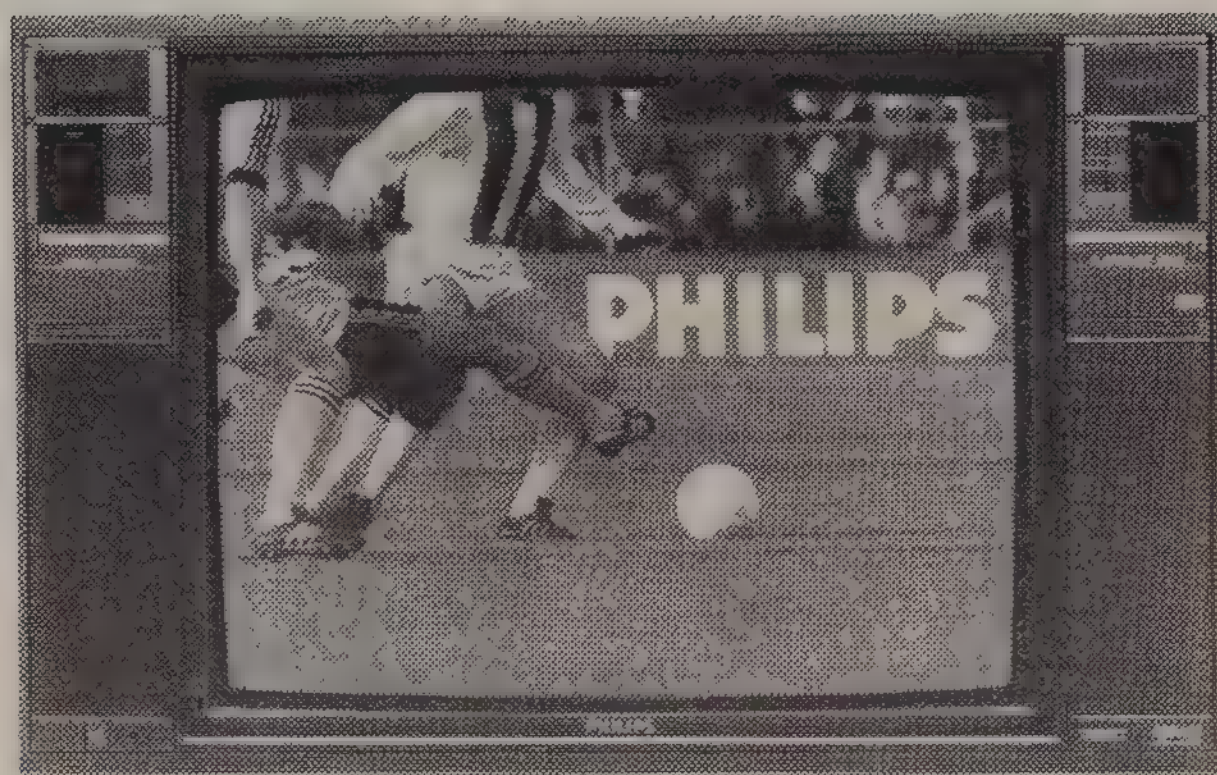
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MARCONI TO LOOK FOR POINTS OFF SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI on Sunday could travel to Pratten Park with Rene Colusso in the squad for their away match against Sydney Olympic.

Colusso who has played in Italy over the last 10 years could be gues-

ting for Marconi over the next three weeks before returning to Italy's third division Arezzo.

Les Scheinflug's side was stunned last Sunday by their home-loss against lowly rated Apia, going down 1-2.

Scheinflug could use his two Argentine signings, Osvaldo El'Ali

and Adrian Janine in his line-up.

El'Ali is a striker who has pace to burn up front and could prove troublesome for Sydney Olympic's back-four.

Janine is pressing strongly for a spot in Marconi's midfield.

Marconi lost their clash against Apia be-

cause too many chances were squandered.

Sydney Olympic also have not set the world on fire with a flood of goals lately.

Marshall Soper, Stuart Stevenson and Chris Kalantzis, have all been dormant recently and the time is nearing when all three strike top

fire-form. Sunday could be the day. And if it is, Bruce James could be in for a busy afternoon.

Olympic's defence, gallantly marshalled by the ever-reliable, "Mr Consistent", Mike Coady, will prove a hurdle for Marconi's marksmen.

Captain Peter Rasko-

poulos is also due for a big game but Marconi's central midfielder Craig Mason will be out to see that this doesn't eventuate.

Sydney Olympic would do well to pay much respect to Marconi's "driver", left midfielder, Peter Tredinnick.

Tredinnick's reading ability and crosses from the left side, have scuttled many a side in the past.

For this one, I go for a draw.

A win for the home side puts them back on top of the League whilst victory for Marconi puts them in the top three.

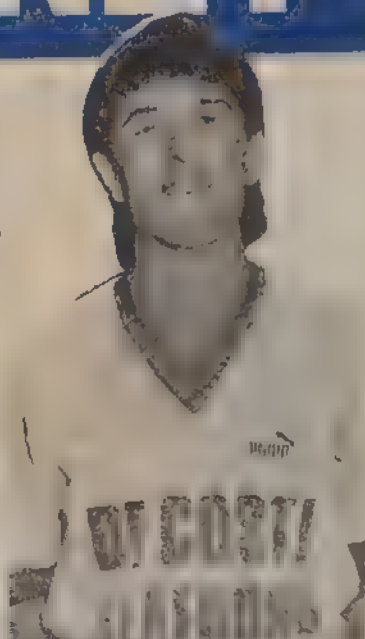
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ASW'S JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

A MESSAGE FOR AUSTRALIAN SOCCER

Unfortunately last week ASW ran the article from the Sydney Morning Herald incorrectly, this week on Johnny Warren's page it's right, so please read on:

WE all have our own thoughts on what should be done to the Australian Soccer scene so that it may go on and realise its undoubted potential.

However I feel the complex solutions are far beyond just mere personal and group opinions and decisions.

We should bring in a management consulting firm like Coopers and Lybrand (who revamped the NSW Rugby League set up) or Price Waterhouse to tell how structurally and administratively we should run our game.

For the many who would no doubt have missed the following Sydney Morning Herald article on the revitalisation of Rugby League in this country, I feel it is an insight into just what Soccer should do — get professional outside opinion on how we should re-organise our game at all levels.

Rugby League was on its knees only a few years ago — now its back bigger and better than ever.

Australian Soccer is not on its knees, but is a long way from achieving its real potential.

There is a strong message to our game in the following article.

"It's fair to say that it started with the Four Couriers program," the "it" to which the chairman of the NSW Rugby League, Mr Tom Bellew, is referring is the change that Rugby League has undergone in three short years since Chris Masters' report, *The Big League*, was broadcast on the last night of April, 1983.

The *Big League* was a momentous occasion for the NSWRL, beginning a process that finally brought the game into the 1980s after years in the doldrums.

At the beginning of 1983, League was dying. Masters' program should have been the blow that finished it off,

but just three years later the game is alive, kicking and marketing for dear life.

Changes at the top have injected fresh ideas into the administration, and promotions include NSWRL-endorsed products in football shops in 23 Grace Bros stores and special family-priced tickets for Saturday matches.

On the surface, 1983 began well when the 1982 Kangaroos returned from their tour of Great Britain and France undefeated. But crowds had been dwindling for some years despite the excellent standard of play on the field.

The game's reputation had slipped badly because of the on-field behaviour of some players, behaviour which led a spate of long suspensions being dealt out by the judiciary committee.

As well as the thugery that had marred the game, there was also the hint that referring standards were falling.

Then there was the question of finance, or rather, the lack of it. Three clubs in particular — Newtown, Western Suburbs and Cronulla-Sutherland — were in such bad shape in 1983 that they sought enormous loans to stay afloat. Newtown did not last the year.

Players' payments had increased at a ridiculous rate, and all three of those clubs made commitments that they were later unable to honour. Almost all clubs suffered financially because of poor attendances at matches, falling revenue at League clubs and poor administration.

Then *The Big League* suggested that the administration of the game, the NSWRL headquarters in Phillip Street, was also not what it should have been. There was the suggestion that too

much power was held by too few people with too few new ideas.

On April 29, 1983, the day before *The Big League* went to Air, Kevin Humphreys resigned his honorary position as chairman of the Australian Rugby League.

The program told how Humphreys had been discharged in 1977 on nine charges of misappropriating \$52,519 while secretary-manager of the Balmain League Club. It also dealt with the administration and financial management of the League.

Three days after the program, Humphreys retired as president of the NSWRL and resigned as its executive director.

The program emphasised that League, regarded for so long as "the people's game", had lost its appeal. The battle to regain that appeal has, on the surface, been fought successfully since. Crowds are well up and television ratings have never been better.

Last weekend, 77,202 people watched six games of Rugby League, the largest attendance for 10 years. Attendances this year are already up by 70,000 over last year and one club, Parramatta, has increased its average weekly attendance from 9,780 in 1982 to 21,662 so far this year. The average weekly attendance at all league matches at the end of 1983 was only 47,770.

Much of this can be attributed to improved ground facilities offered by most clubs. Still, the interest in the game must first be there and this is shown in the rating the game has won on television this year.

Three weeks ago the Wednesday night match between Canterbury and Parramatta out-rated the Channel 7 mini-series of the life of Johnny O'Keefe. Three days later the ABC

rated well ahead of every other channel with its live Saturday match, while on the Sunday, Channel Ten again out-pointed every other channel with its *Match-of-the-Day* broadcast.

A new impetus from the top has helped. Mr John Quayle took over from Humphreys midway through 1983. He became the general manager of the NSWRL and Tom Bellew its chairman, the two positions previously held by Humphreys having been separated.

Quayle is in his late 30s, and is a former player for Eastern Suburbs, Parramatta and, briefly, Australia. He is typical of the new, young administrators running the game at both NSWRL and club level.

About the same time that Quayle took over, the League commissioned a \$36,000 report by the management consultants, W.D. Scott.

The recommendations in the Scott report more than anything else helped to prod the administration of League in NSW into the 1980s.

The three most important recommendations were the separation of the two positions previously held by Humphreys, the establishment of a nine-man board of directors to decide on policy matters and the incorporation of the NSWRL. All were adopted by the League and seem to have been resounding successes.

The board of directors replaced the previous Executive Committee and is now no longer seen as a merely a body which serves the special interests, or "rubber stamps" the decisions, of a few individuals.

As general manager, John Quayle now attends to the day-to-day running of the League while the board of directors is responsible for discussing policy matters. That separation went a long way

towards restoring confidence in the Phillip Street administration.

The incorporation of the League was a long time coming for an organisation that handles millions of dollars each year.

Other recommendations include the establishment of policy committees and the employment of marketing and development managers and a financial controller.

The new administrators have realised that League is not just a game, but a commodity.

It is such promotions, as well as offering special family-priced tickets for Saturday matches and the new professional attitude that Phillip Street likes to project, that have been responsible for taking the game back to the people.

To be seen to be unprofessional is detrimental to any business, but to be seen to be professional is a bonus.

The secretary of Parramatta, Mr Denis Fitzgerald, said that "It's important that now people realise that it's an entertainment business. The sooner people wake up to that, the better off they'll be." Parramatta is one of the most progressive and successful clubs in the competition.

Fitzgerald is also one of the new style of young administrators in the game and had always been an outspoken

critic of the League's old administration. He is also sophisticated enough to realise that, for the League's product to be sold successfully, a good relationship must exist with the media.

The Scott report summarised the NSWRL's previous relationship with the media in 1983 as "unco-operative" and "non-productive."

See ASW's own Johnny Warren on SBS TV throughout the series.

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DIVISION 3

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ASW'S WRAP UP FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

THERE could be a row brewing over Illawarra teams from the Southern Highlands having Highlands referees controlling their games.

Second division club Mittagong and first division Picton have "local" officials in charge and this helps the current referee shortage in Illawarra.

The latest trouble erupted after Mittagong beat Illawarra Pelista 3-0 and Pelista secretary George Stojanovski said the referee was unfair.

Stojanovski said the Highlands referee gave Mittagong a penalty

which should never have been awarded and every time his player went into a tackle they were frightened of giving away a free kick.

"He was very one-sided and he affected the way our players tackled right through the game," Stojanovski said.

Illawarra association official Derek Hart and referees' association official Phil Torphy

were at the game.

Torphy was acting as an inspector for the Highlands referee and said he would be putting in a report.

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ARIS and Illawarra striker Steve Quirk is certainly making up for lost time this season.

His team made a very slow start to the premiership after being tipped as favourites by many people.

Recently Aris started to show their real form and Quirk scored two hat-tricks in the space of three games.

Against Bellambi he scored both goals in their 2-1 win but should have picked up another hat-trick as he missed a "sitter" in the closing stages.

COACH of premier league competition leaders Eddie Mullan singled out a Unanderra player for praise after Warilla's recent 1-0 win over that team.

Mullan said Jason Higgs is wasting his time in the premier league. "He should be showing what he can do with one of our State League teams or even Wollongong City," Mullan said.

"He has everything and doesn't let defenders give him any rough stuff when he plays wide on the right wing.

"If he is dedicated he will go a long way."

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WOLLONGONG Macedonia took their run of not having conceded a goal in the State League to five games when they beat Penrith

2-0 at Cook Park.

Macedonia have come from near the bottom of the league to a very definite premiership threat and their defence is the key.

The only blot on that win at Penrith was the sending off of new signing George Todorovski.

Todorovski made his debut with the club a week earlier against Fairy Meadow and was given the red card after committing a foul five minutes after receiving a yellow card.

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FAIRY MEADOW are in big trouble after losing so many key players at the end of last season but it hasn't finished yet.

This week former Wollongong City midfielder and defender Jamie Dummett is off overseas, adding to the worries of coach Mike Johnson.

Dummett made a late start to the season because of a nagging injury but has been playing well.

One player able to show out recently is goalkeeper John Krajnovic, who was particularly busy against Melita in a 1-0 loss.

Fullback Micky White said Krajnovic was the only difference between a 1-0 loss and a "hiding."

"He made some brilliant saves to keep us in the game and is really showing his true poten-

tial under a bit of pressure."

CLAUDE CELLINI is one district player who could be seen in new colours next season after impressing with Tarrawanna this year.

Cellini is getting goals regularly and is one player sure of being close marked by the opposition.

With a bit of pace and a definite eye for a goal, Cellini would benefit from playing in a higher grade and could move on.

With Tarrawanna he is lacking support up front and it would be interesting to see his effective he could be in the State or even national league.

South Australia

WITH TOM MCKAIN

SOCCEEROO striker David Mitchell has been given permission by his West German club Eintracht to guest in Australia in July.

But the big front runner will not be seen in the national league, as he has promised to turn out for Campbelltown in the State League in his home town of Adelaide.

But the club is having problems.

First it has to wait for the insurance figure the West Germans have put on Mitchell — believed to be half a million dollars — and a signing deal.

The SA State league does not allow guest players under its present constitution.

Campbelltown would have to have Mitchell signed on a straight transfer form, with the Germans trusting them to transfer Mitchell back after a four-game stint.

Campbelltown team manager, Basil Scarsella, said various transfer options were being investigated.

If Campbelltown do not succeed in signing Mitchell he could play for Adelaide Hellas.

His original national club, Adelaide City has already said it will not field guest players, although it had left an open invitation to Mitchell.

However, new coach Zoran Matic is emphatic he will not take on guests.

"I do not want the rhythm of the team upset," he said.

"Davey is a great player and I wish we could afford to buy him, but unless we were crippled by injuries I will not take on guest players."

If Campbelltown fail to sign Mitchell he may

ine up for Hellas, another club which left him an open invitation.

However, they have not commented on Mitchell as the two national league teams have an unwritten agreement not to bid for the same players at the same time if one or the other gets in first.

Meanwhile, Hellas has parted company with Scottish import Brian McLaughlin, for former Celtic and Falkirk player.

He has not been able to hold a midfield berth after starring in the Ampol Cup summer series and early games in the Olympic Airways National Soccer League.

He will return to Scotland on June 17.

"My contract with

Hellas was terminated by mutual agreement," said McLaughlin.

"I think I am good enough for a regular place but obviously I do not fit into the club's plans so I am going home."

McLaughlin was signed by coach Neil McGachey during the close season and came to Australia with his wife and family.

New coach Edmund Kreft had him on the bench for the second time against Croydon a fortnight ago.

"I came to play national league, and while I have had offers from State League clubs I want to play top football and that was not happening here," he said.

"There are no hard feelings."



DAVID MITCHELL

The Apple Isle

WITH JOHN TSCHEPPEA

GEORGETOWN left Knight's Road, home of Ulverstone, with their first defeat of the season after they went down to a brilliant effort by Andrew Howe in the 70th min.

The 10th round State League North game was to be the most important for Ulverstone as it would put them within reach of overcoming Georgetown; and they will remember that the 'Town's only loss in '85 was inflicted at this ground and at about the same time of the year.

The 'Town attacked their opponents' goal relentlessly from the outset, but it was Ulverstone that hit the first goal when Compagne drove a free-kick into the net after 25 mins.

The Reds then had to withstand more determined pressure as the 'Town searched for an equaliser. Many moves were thwarted by Mitchell, Foote and Anderson, and shots by Sawdon, Hughes and Farrell went begging until a time-out was called at half-time.

The onslaught was resumed by Georgetown after the break and, with only 5 mins. gone, the

goalpost helped Hughes to an equaliser from a free-kick.

Then came the decisive moment when, with about 20 mins. remaining, midfielder Howe took on the 'Town with a solo run and finished with deadly accuracy to put the Reds ahead.

Ladder (after Rnd. 10):

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Georgetown	10	8	1	1	32	8	17
Devonport	10	7	2	1	22	7	16
Ulverstone	9	7	1	1	29	5	15
Juventus	10	7	0	3	31	9	14
Croatia	10	6	0	4	27	12	12
Burnie	10	3	2	5	20	22	8
Matic	10	2	2	6	10	26	6
Riv. Olympic	10	2	0	8	15	35	4
Launce, United	10	1	1	8	5	36	3
Western Sub.	9	0	3	6	6	41	3

More missed opportunities for both sides could not change the scoreline; Ulverstone had shown that they are the only real challengers to the 'Town's hopes of making it three premierships in a row.

Meanwhile, Devonport received a shock as they could only manage victory by the narrowest

margin over Launceston United, Frame taking the honours. Burnie slipped up over bottom side Western Suburbs, managing only to draw; and Matic lost to Croatia in a fast and furious encounter.

Round 10 results:

Croatia (Davidson, Morley, Bessell) d Matic (Levett) 3-1, Ulverstone (Compagne, Howe) d Georgetown (Hughes) 1-0, Juventus (Mies 2, C. Guest, Dennis, Galgsdies) d Riv. Olympic 5-0, Devonport (Frame) d Launceston United 1-0, Western Suburbs (McNaughton, o.g.) Burnie (Jones, Luttmer) 2-2.

OLYMPIA-WPL and Juventus-Pioneer were the successful candidates after their postponed State League South round 7 games against Glenorchy-Croatia and White Eagles respectively.

The catch-up games, played midweek, were to have proven the potential of all the inseparable top 4 to be title contenders — and no-one is nearer a result.

Juventus-Pioneer were set back early when Andrew Leszczynski put White

Eagles ahead, but Steve Kannagiesser equalised.

John Broadhouse proved he is one of the top strikers in Hobart when he added two more to his personal tally and shot Juve. into the lead.

An own goal made it a difficult task for the Eagles and, although Leszczynski scored again, had to concede defeat and the top berth.

Olympia surprised Glenorchy-Croatia as after Vafakos was injured, they shot into the

lead. Forster, Nichols and Munro all scored within 30 mins. of each other to set the Croats reeling.

Furjanic and McIntyre pulled goals back but Croatia could not rescue a point from the game.

Juventus-Pioneer (Broadhouse 2, S. Kannagiesser, o.g.) d White Eagles (A. Leszczynski 2) 4-2, Olympia-WPL (Forster, Nichols, Munro) d Glenorchy-Croatia (Furjanic, McIntyre) 3-2.

OLYMPIA fans were celebrating after their team's meteoric rise to lead the State League South competition by one point following their disposal of Howrah, 5-0.

They were lingering at the bottom of the table, had not won a game and there were thoughts that Morton had to go. But after the second round

they hit their straps and have won seven straight.

Forster scored two goals within 5 mins. of the start of the game and Xanthopoulos a third before half-time.

Things looked glum for Olympia when, after having lost Vafakos midweek with a broken leg, Xanthopoulos pulled a hamstring just before the half-time break, and Greenwood was sent off midway through the first half.

But they rallied and, with further goals by Morton and Goldsmith, secured victory.

Metro gained their first win of the season when they overcame a 2-0 deficit, created by Streit and Cionci, to power in three goals — by Oliver, Pitchford and Green — in the space of 13 mins.

Meanwhile, Glenorchy-Croatia took care of Juventus-Pioneer by three goals, and White Eagles hit six against a shaky Caledonians team that had, at one stage, led the competition.

Round 9 results: Olympia-WPL (Forster 2, Xanthopoulos, Morton, Goldsmith) d Howrah 5-0, Metro (Oliver, Pitchford, Green) d (Streit, Cionci) 3-2, Glenorchy-Croatia (Bacic, McIntyre, o.g.) d Juventus-Pioneer 3-0, White Eagles d Caledonians 6-1.



Robbie Mastricola (left) and Shane Bromfield of Juventus.

THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

INTERSTATE SERIES IS SO DESPERATELY NEEDED

CALLS for an introduction of a Sheffield Shield-type Soccer competition have been made in the wake of Queensland's 1-0 Interstate challenge win over New South Wales at Perry Park.

Prominent Queensland XXXX League coach Eric Thompson has been the most avid promoter of the idea and now he has called on Queensland's ASF senior vice-president Ian Brusasco to rally the non NSL states and get the idea accepted at national level.

"Regular interstate football can only be a benefit to Australian Soccer as a whole," Thompson said.

"And Queensland's win over New South Wales, and the publicity it created up here, more than highlighted that the time is right for a national interstate competition."

Thompson proposes

ANOTHER WEST GERMAN TOUR

ANOTHER Queensland star could be in the making when the annual Thiess-Lufthansa West German Soccer tour gets underway in October this year.

The tours, now in their fifth year, have proved to be a filip in the careers of a number of outstanding young Maroon prospects.

Past tourists have included David Hunter (Australian Schoolboys and Lions NSL), Damien Butler (Australian Under 16) Glenn Archer (Queensland Youth team). And all agree their skills benefitted from the three-week German tour which included intensive training at the expertly-appointed Hennef Sportschule.

This year's tour, again headed by coach George Pagan, will leave on October 4 and return on October 27.

It will include 10 days at Hennef, a homestay as guests of a German club and up to six matches.

Players from all around Australia attended last year's tour and the results against German teams were among the most heartening yet.

The tours have gained German FA approval which entitles them to some of the best coaching available at Hennef.

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that initially the "Shield" competition need not necessarily be run on a complete league format.

"As long as each state plays the other once that will suffice to begin with. Although interstate football is popular in Queensland, I imagine there are some states where the spectators will have to be educated towards it," he said.

"But in time I can see states like West Australia, Tasmania and South Australia becoming very enthusiastic about clashes with other states. And I am sure that by the next World Cup we will see players from those states forcing their way into the Soccer squad."

Thompson proposes that initially a state of origin format may be used to allow some states to claim back players who first started their Australian careers away from Sydney or Melbourne.

And he also proposes that guest players be an integral part of the early years.

"I can understand that a match between say Queensland and Tasmania on face value might have little attraction, particularly if both states were not doing that well in the Shield competition. But what if it was

Queensland and Charlie Nicholas against Tasmania and Glenn Hoddle?

"Of course there will be expense involved, but we are talking about State Federations now not clubs. They are in a much better position to raise the monies involved."

"And if a fair gate-

sharing system was used the cost of all the interstate travel would be covered," he said.

Thompson has called on Brusasco to raise the matter immediately at ASF level. "There is no use states like Queensland and South Australia sitting back and waiting to be turfed out of the national League. Let's decide and rule our own future."

Ald. Brusasco said this week he would have

to see format proposals and investigate costings before making any kind of judgement or commitment on the proposal.



JOHN STEWART

DAVID HUNTER IS HINDERED

THE budding career of outstanding Lions youngster David Hunter is being hindered by a recurring back injury.

Hunter, 17, last year's Australian Schoolboys captain, was forced out of the Queensland team which beat NSW because of the injury which flared after Lions match against West Adelaide the previous week.

Hunter, the younger brother of Heidelberg stopper Alan Hunter, first injured his back during the Schoolboys tour of Britain.

It forced him out of much of Lions pre-sea-

son work but had appeared to come right in recent weeks. But the latest setback is worrying and frustrating for the youngster, who has made the rightback position his own in the Lions NSL team.

Hunter is rated by many a much better prospect than his older brother who is now pushing for Socceroo selection following his move to Melbourne.

David is as strong in the air and in the tackle as his brother, but is

skilled with both feet and possesses a fierce shot.

During the schoolboys tour he was approached by several English clubs and was offered a contract at Southampton. He turned down the offer to return to Australia to take a trainee teacher position.

Hunter's injury has caused a further headache for Lions coach Col Bennett who only last week lost his leftback when Alan Niven retired to take up a director of coaching position in Bundaberg.

Bennett was forced to reshuffle his defence and even has had to split his effective central defence combination of Steve Jackson and Frank Liddell. Jackson has pleaded to be played at fullback after being rated by Eddie Thomson as a chance for national squad selection in that position.

Jackson always was a fullback, either left or right, but has filled in at sweeper for Lions for two years.

"I am getting frustrated there because I don't think I am giving everything I can to the team," he said.

Bennett has brought former Townsville player Bill Armitt into the squad and is hoping the giant youngster will fill at least one gap.

Armitt, a former Townsville Kern State League player, was one of several Lions country recruits earlier this year. His form in the Lions XXXX League team has been outstanding in recent weeks but it remains to be seen whether he can adjust to the step up.

RE-MATCH?

VICTORIOUS Queensland coach Bruce Stowell has given only a warm reaction to talk of a Sydney re-match between the Maroons and the beaten New South Wales side.

NSW Soccer Federation president Mr John Constantine said after last week's 0-1 defeat at Perry Park that he may raise the re-match proposal at the next NSWSF executive meeting.

"We looked at the idea last year but ruled it out, we looked at it the year before and ruled it out. But as we didn't win this year there is much more chance of a re-match going on," Constantine said.

"Soccer fans in Sydney are finicky, not as parochial as up here though, and until now there was no reason for them to go along and watch a game between Queensland and New South Wales."

"But now Queensland has won, we might look at a possible re-match again."

But Maroons coach Stowell said he would only agree to a Sydney re-match "if the game was for Soccer".

"I don't think it should go ahead just to give New South Wales the chance to avenge this defeat. We were not given that opportunity in the past," Stowell said.

"But if the game was staged to give players another opportunity to show they are worthy of national squad selection, or was used to promote Soccer in NSW then I am all for it."

Stowell called on national coach Frank Arok to add "three or four more" Queenslanders to the national training squad following the Maroons win. Queensland already has Danny Wright, John and Russell Stewart in the Melbourne-based Socceroo training squad.

"On today's performance if we don't add another three or four to the three that are already in then I think people have got to walk away and say they are not interested in Queensland," Stowell said.

"I don't think there is any way Eddie Thomson can walk away today without sending back reports to Frank that those

who are available on top of the three should be added to the squad."

Stowell rated his team's effort against NSW as a better performance than when Queensland beat a State League strength NSW team in 1983.

"The NSW team was a better team so the Queensland effort was a better effort," he said.

Queensland played to a plan where they shut down NSW in their defensive third, and Stowell's scheme worked brilliantly.

"They didn't like it when the pressure was put on them," he said.

And Stowell refuted claims that NSW stars had off-games.

"Please, please don't say they had an off-day. They were contained by better players. We worked and worked on that and players like Kosmina and Farina were beaten and outplayed by better players on the day," he said.

Socceroo assistant coach Eddie Thomson, who watched the game on Arok's behalf, rated it an entertaining affair, but refused to give Queensland the selection crumbs everyone was hoping to grasp.

In fact he even threw water on Wright and the Stewart brothers' hopes.

"Danny started the first 20 minutes great but then he drifted out of the game. I was disappointed with his finishing. He missed three good chances. He won't get three chances at national level," Thomson said.

"And the Stewart brothers are good club players and did well for Queensland, but they lack mobility which is what we are using now in the national team. They certainly aren't any better than what we have got."

Thomson did though rave about Lions import Jim Morton, sadly not eligible for Socceroo selection and also had a good word for Lions' youngsters John Ogden and Steve Jackson.

"We wouldn't lose anything by having a look at them," he said.

DANNY WRIGHT





CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

ADELAIDE Hellas are watching anxiously as captain Graham Honeyman continues to play nursing a hamstring injury.

He has been inspiring the side in recent games and is leading an Adelaide Press poll as the top SA OASL player.

However, it now appears as if he will have to take time out to fully recover after playing with the injury strapped.

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GEORGE Konstandopoulos hopes he is \$100 richer after scoring the winning Nanda Cup goal for Adelaide Hellas against Croydon.

Before the match a spectator had been razzing the chunky little striker about his lack of goals this season.

"I'll give you \$100 if you get a goal," he said.

And during the match, whenever Konstandopoulos took a corner near the spectator, he yelled, "You haven't scored yet George!"

When the front runner netted the winning goal in the 2-1 win from an acute angle on the left, scooping the ball high into the far corner on the turn, it so happened he was on



BAMBRIDGE CONTROVERSY No.1: The ball has struck the bar and on its way down with Oscar the keeper beaten.

the same side as the heckling fan.

Konstandopoulos ran to where the man was standing and reminded him about his promise.

We'll let you know if he pays up.

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WOLLONGONG City striker Robert Girdali says he doesn't hate goalkeepers.

Girdali missed the big game against Sydney Olympic through suspension — two of his yellow cards having come after fouls on goalkeepers.

Blacktown's David Curtis and Leichhardt's Tony Pezzano were on the receiving end of fouls after taking the ball.

"I didn't go in meaning to hurt either of them; I just wanted to get the ball but I will have to curb my enthusiasm in these situations," Girdali said.

Always an aggressive player, Girdali said when he is playing up front he wants to make the most of any opportunity but doesn't want to pick up a reputation as a "goalkeeper basher."

Coach John Fleming had a long talk with his striker after the second incident resulted in a suspension and is confident it won't happen again.

"Girdali realises there is no point in this type of aggression and the end result has been a suspension and this is punishment for the club, not just the player," Fleming said.

"Our good early season form has come about with teamwork and controlled aggression and I don't want players taking this out of context."

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AFTER buying defender Paul Shillabeer back from Beograd, Adelaide City has lost him again.

He is nursing torn knee ligaments, and hopes to be back in action this weekend.

City lost midfielder strongman Brian Northcote at the start of the season and he won't be back until next year, while goalkeeper Willie McNally is out with a torn thumb joint for at least another three weeks.



BAMBRIDGE CONTROVERSY No.2: The ball is all but on the turf and seemingly about to bounce behind the line.

WHAT a turnabout by **MARSHALL SOPER**.

Last week it seemed almost inevitable the unbelievable would happen, that Soper and Sydney Olympic would part company but now it seems Marshall is ever so determined to make a good go of his time with the Greek-backed clubs.

The idol of the Pratten Park mob had threatened to leave because he said he wanted a guarantee that his team-mates would provide him with the proper service needed to score goals.

Although Soper's outburst did not do anything for harmony in the Olympic camp, Olympic president, Tom Doumanis did not toe the line in telling the disgruntled striker "a few home truths" as it were.

"I told him that he had ample opportunities to score in matches and that it was really up to him to produce on the field.

"He has been hiding behind the opposition defences and hasn't been getting involved enough."

Despite Soper's ultimatum, Doumanis made it clear there was no way he would be placed on the transfer list.

MEXICAN star striker, **HUGO SANCHEZ** said he was pleasantly surprised at the way Iraq play their football after seeing their match against Paraguay.

Maybe Hugo expected the Iraqis to turn up at the game on camels.

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MARCONI is having an increasingly different look to it of late.

New acquisitions such as Argentinians Adrian Janin and Osvaldo El All help in this respect and now there seems a slight chance that Renato Collusso former Marconi Junior now playing in the Italian Third Division with Arezzo might well turn out for his old club.

Marconi officials are hoping that an international clearance for Rene will come through some time this week in time for this weekend's clash with Sydney Olympic.

The new shape of the Marconi side could be as radical as this: James, Carter, Rizzotto, Henderson, Wheatley, Mason, Collusso, Janin, El All, Lowe and Brown, with Gray, Sterrey and Tredinnick all around too.

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IT is like old boys of Marconi at the moment.

At the weekend at the Marconi Stadium there was on view in the stand at least Peter Sharpe, Berti Mariani and Rene Collusso.

On the field Tony Henderson and on the bench as assistant to Les Scheinflug, Roberto Vieri and to cap it off Eddie Krncevic is expected to arrive this week as Mark Jankovics nurses another injury.

SCOTLAND have made their intentions quite clear.

After being the last team to arrive in Mexico the camp openly stated that they want to be the last to fly out.

That's good except that during the last week of the World Cup they'll be on the beaches in Mexico instead of on the field.

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A LOT of people are still wondering as to why the South Melbourne-Brisbane Lions OASL match was postponed from Sunday.

Well it seems when Lions turned up in Melbourne for the match they did so without their gear. All well and good you might think, it's on another plane on its way to Melbourne ... wrong!

It seems that whilst the Queenslanders left the Sunshine State for Victoria their gear made a bee-line for Sydney!

Unfortunately by the time this was realised there was not enough time to get the Brisbane Lions side into another strip and into boots, etc.

So there it is, with no jokes aimed at Ansett, we are not obliged to make fun of such an error from a footballing sponsor of ours. But remember, when you fly Ansett don't bring your luggage with you! Ha! Ha! Oops, sorry....

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THE smartest comment of the first World Cup week came from Soviet manager Valery Lobanovsky when he warned his team after thrashing Hungary 6-0, "It is far too early all this shouting about us reaching the finals."

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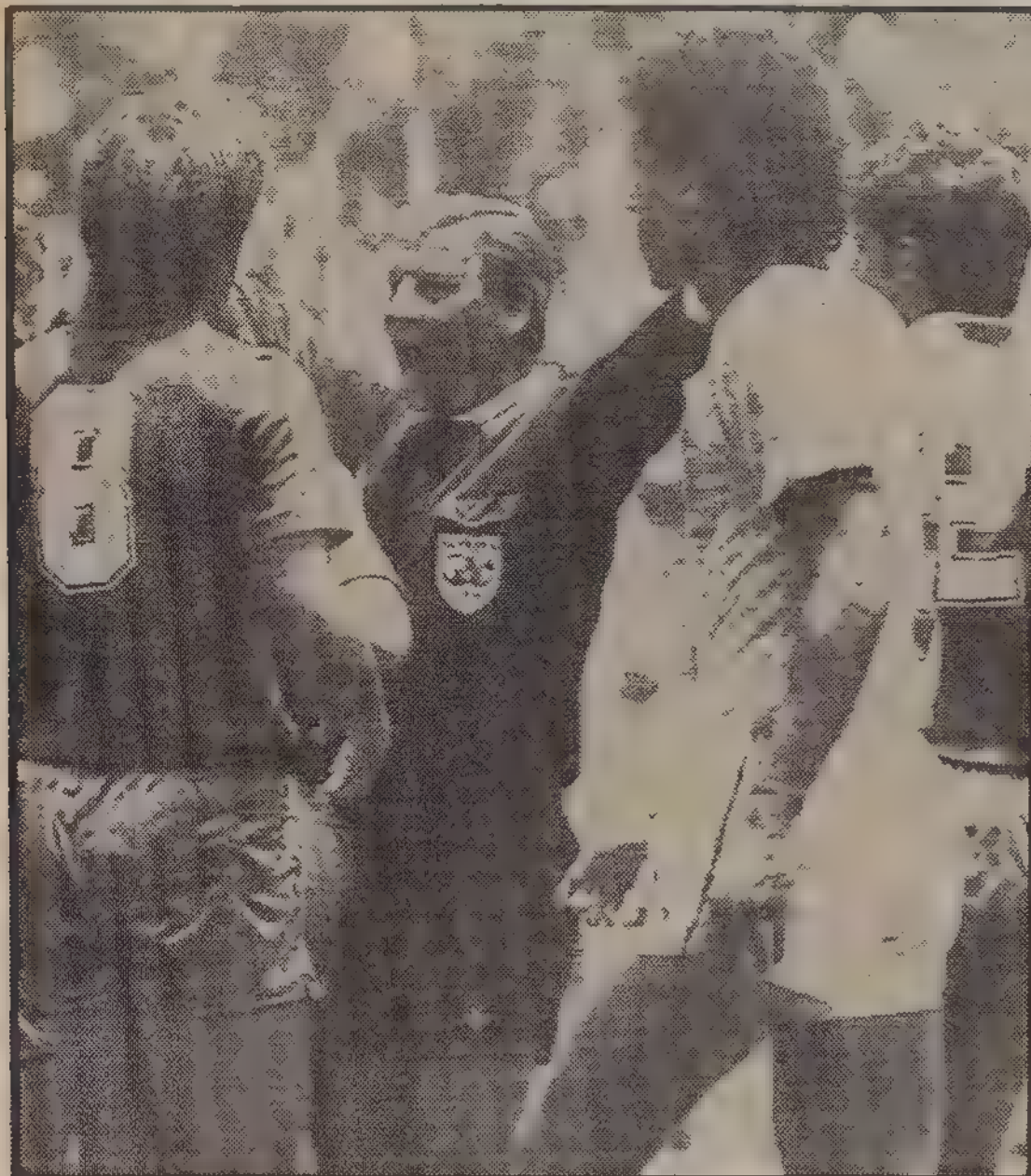
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CHRIS BAMBRIDGE has been taking an awful amount of stick over one decision in last week's Brazil-Spain game in the World Cup Finals.

As everyone knows and as the pictures show the shot that crashed against the crossbar and down just marginally over the line from Spaniard Michel, Bambridge has copped more than his fair share over that incident.

The coup de grace for the Aussie whistler came last Thursday when FIFA who had to all intents and purposes made a point of backing up their Oceania representative, released a statement claiming they had 'Officially reprimanded' the Australian. That's a nice 'how do you do' from your supposed defenders. It's something akin to Socrates playing a square ball in front of his goal toward Junior with Michael Laudrup between them!

To a certain extent Bambridge is to blame because he was too naive or moreover honest to halt play and take the inevitable 'heat' off himself by consulting with his linesmen instead of just glancing. But them's the breaks.



BAMBRIDGE CONTROVERSY No.3: The Spanish players surround the Australian referee but he is having nothing to do with them as he vigorously waves them away.

ARE there too many one-man teams in Mexico?

It would seem so and some of them are suffering for this fact.

Argentina might struggle if Maradona is ever unfit, Brazil haven't exactly set the world on fire without Zico, Italy continually neglect Rossi and their finishing is suffering as a result, Scotland have no Dalglish to marshal them and give inspiration, England are lost without the injured Robson, Portugal refuse to play Futre from the start, Francescoli leads Uruguay and France seem to rely on Platini in every way.

DIEGO MARADONA is certainly coping with the hard-men that are being set upon him so far.

He has been very instrumental in both Argentinian games although in all honesty he was not really man-handled against Italy and South Korea in reality didn't have anyone to master him apart from the odd clout.

IN the Bambridge incident, what FIFA, Spain and all the other bandwagons have overlooked is the fact on the replay it is clearly shown that a Spanish player was offside when Michel hit his shot, so the Victorian referee was right to disallow the 'goal' if not for the original thought but the other.

IT defies reasoning as to why some managers choose sides the way they do.

ASW's roving reporters have been out and about this week finding out just how some of the football followers around Australia feel about these men-in-charge and some of their perplexing decisions.

Most took the point of the omissions of such notables like Paolo Rossi of Italy and Paolo Futre of Portugal from their starting line-ups.

Many described the leaving out of the two strikers from their respective sides as 'inexplicable' and 'gutless'.

THE soccer fraternity in country centres of Australia are more than a little incensed, and it would seem with good reason.

For an ever so long time now they have been screaming, especially a devoted group in Rockhampton that by not being able to pick up SBS TV they are being literally starved of any round-ball coverage.

As it stands they have laboured their point with the ABC but nothing has come of their wailings and much the same.

Our country areas are where a lot of our sporting talent comes from and the youngsters of these places are being neglected the opportunity of watching the best football.

IT may not be known but prior to their opening match against host nation Mexico, Belgium played a warm-up match against Pumas in Mexico City and it exploded into a mad all-in brawl as play was halted for five minutes.

Defender Eric Gerets ran the length of the pitch to extract revenge on Pumas' goalkeeper Souza after he felled Belgian striker Nico Claesen five minutes from the break.

Souza was sent off, Gerets was taken off and Claesen was carried off to hospital.

DENMARK's successful World Cup team in Mexico have their ancestors to thank for being in the land of little oxygen!

For, had not some straight-thinking Dane got on the right wavelength way back in 1876, the Vikings would now probably be playing cricket at Lord's or the SCG instead of the World Cup in Mexico.

The first Danish football club formed was Boldklub KB in Copenhagen way back in 1876.

Before this, the Danes played "langbold", a sort of baseball, and of course cricket.

But the football enthusiasts wanted and got Soccer on the program and have never looked back since.

DR BRIAN CORRIGAN, Australia's World Cup physician, was rushed to the Royal North Shore Hospital last week.

Dr Corrigan, 57, suffering from a brain tumour, was reported last night to be in a satisfactory condition by the hospital's night staff after undergoing major brain surgery.

Corrigan who has been closely associated with Australia's World Cup squads since 1965 has also been an unsung hero with Olympic teams of Australia.

In the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico, Dr Corrigan was seen world-wide on international television, rush onto the track to extend immediate assistance to Australia's track hero Ron Clarke. Clarke, the Australian champion long-distance runner, had collapsed at the end of the 10,000 metres final event.



DR BRIAN CORRIGAN

With Clarke in a heap on the track, Corrigan in seconds was by his side administering oxygen to the exhausted athlete.

Corrigan also performed a complicated operation on Australia's World Cup captain, Johnny Warren who suffered severe poisoning to his legs from Soccer injuries.

Sports specialist Corrigan, has travelled all over the world with most of Australia's Soccer teams since first being appointed as team-doctor during the 1966 World Cup series.

Australian Soccer Weekly on behalf of his thousands of players, officials and friends within Soccer, wish Brian a speedy recovery.

BRISBANE City officials should be congratulated for the way they reacted when a spectator burst through a gate and ran onto the field during a heat moment in the recent Adelaide City match.

Within seconds the intruder was stopped and hustled off the field. A club official then appealed over the public address for calm. "Any incidents will do the club no good," he said.

Thankfully the message was headed by the majority of supporters.

THERE were some soreheads in the Lions squad after their recent 0-2 loss to West Adelaide at Hindmarsh.

And the headaches had little to do with the loss. Despite arriving back in Brisbane at 9.30 on Sunday night, the players hit the city nightspots to give Alan Niven a farewell. The match was Niven's 220th and last before he takes up a director of coaching position in Bundaberg.

ONE Brisbane Soccer scribe was given a none too friendly welcome in the Brisbane City dressing room recently after he had advocated in print for wholesale changes in the team and the sale of up to four players.

He also predicted only a miracle would save the club from being axed from the NSL. Time will tell who was correct.

TASMANIAN Youth players Dominic Longo and Nicky Udovicic are set for a bright Soccer future.

The pair were recently selected in a 30-man squad by Australian Under-16 coach, Vic Dalglish, after the National Under-15 Championships in Canberra.

Longo, who plays with Juventus-Pioneer, has also been invited to attend the final selection trials to be held in Sydney in August. He plays as a central defender after initially slotting into the Juve senior team as a striker.

Udovicic, from Devonport, is the son of the late Joe Udovicic, who was also a goalkeeper. Joe who died suddenly earlier this year, was born in Pula, Croatia, and signed by Melbourne Croatia in 1965.

Joe had played for numerous clubs in Tasmania including Glenorchy-Croatia, Launceston Juventus and Devonport. He also represented Tasmania on many occasions.

LAUNCESTON Juventus have strengthened their squad with the recent signing from overseas of Fijian International, Sosi Kaitani.

Kaitani left his home club, Tanoa, for a season with the Tasmania club.

Although he will have to get used to the cold Tasmanian winter, Juventus believe he will hot a few things up once he takes the field.

TONY Dorigo, the Aston Villa star full back, is back in Adelaide on holiday — but not as a player.

He is not guesting for anyone, but has taken time out to help coach at his old school, Forbes Primary.

The boys there are coached by FIFA referee Donald Campbell.

Known as Doree here, he is Roo to his Villa team-mates.

THE Queensland Soccer Federation is not noted for giving too many things away but it showed its appreciation for the Maroons victory over NSW recently by allowing the players to keep their shirts after the match.

The gesture is now becoming a tradition as the 1983 team which also beat the Blues also got to keep the Maroon.

This year's strip was only 12 months old and recognised as one of the most stunning ever worn by a Queensland Soccer team.

It will be interesting to see what Sabre Sportswear, the QSF's official supplier, come up with next season.

NICE gesture by Bruce Stowell to make Alan Niven his captain for the day before the former Socceroo retired to take up a coaching position. Niven certainly didn't let Stowell down and described the win over NSW as "the best possible way to bow out".

QSF president Ian Brusasco did not miss Frank Arok in his after-match speech following the Maroons 1-0 win over NSW.

Arok missed the match, instead opting to go to Mexico. Brusasco began his speech by congratulating John Kosmina and his fellow Socceroos for their World Cup campaign, which he described as doing more for Australian Soccer than anything else in a long, long time.

Then Brusasco added: "I would thank Frank Arok personally as well if he could ever find his way to Queensland."

Meanwhile, some Queensland officials are quietly chuckling over reports that Arok has had difficulty getting accreditation in Mexico, the QSF openly criticised Arok going to Mexico, saying his first interest should have been at home.

BILLY Birch, former Adelaide Hellas player and coach, is back in the game at 42.

Coach of Second Division SA State league club Brighton City, he has turned out in two recent games when short of players.

And in his goal is Tommy Preston, Birch's former assistant at Hellas, still diving around at 38!

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THE JUNIOR GAME

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PRIME MOVER

FIFTY year old Carmelo "Charlie" Morandin is the prime mover of Valley Trident Soccer Club and Junior Soccer in Brisbane.

Born in Treviso Italy, he arrived in Australia in November 1956. He lived in Innisfail for four years where he cut sugar cane. Later he became a Bacco Farmer in Mareeba.

He played Soccer in Italy as a boy and later with Amateur Senior teams. In 1962 he took to the game again and played in the Victorian Country 1st Division for Dimulah. In 1965 he started refereeing until 1972.

He began coaching in 1974 for Brisbane City Soccer Club's U/10, U/11, U/12 & U/13's. He became manager of the various junior teams of the Valley Trident Soccer Club of which he has been President for several years. Through his altruistic work he became a board member of the Old Soccer Federation.

Now he is the "Registrar" of several selected Brisbane teams. While coaching juniors at all levels "Charlie" travelled throughout Australia year after year.

He is a totally dedicated man and told the ASW several times while interviewed at his own club house in Bris-

bane "I want to die on the pitch or while I am coaching".

Charlie and his family, wife Carmalina, 17 year old son Tony and 15 year old daughter Debbie are totally committed to the code. The family spend most of their leisure time at the club house helping in the bar, canteen or fixing up the pitch.

Charlie visits all the various games around Brisbane and travels to Melbourne or Sydney to watch international matches.

Charlie is the leading "Billeter" in Brisbane. He has no hesitation opening his home for visiting interstate junior players. The ASW was also his guest and the writer thanks Charlie for being a perfect host.

When ASW said goodbye to Charlie he asked to be quoted.

"I love Soccer and as far as I am concerned Soccer is the best sport in the world".

"I always want to be involved with Soccer as long as I live".

The ASW congratulates him and his club officials for their Hospitality.

THANK YOU CHARLIE



The president of the North Brisbane Junior Soccer Association holding the Johnny Warren Perpetual Trophy after presentation at the Valley United Soccer Club. Brisbane beat NSW Country on count back.

METRO

THE Under 12 State Champions, Bankstown, played the second round of the Metropolitan Championship against St George at Peakhurst Park on 25th May.

The game was marred by the state of the ground. It is just not

good enough for representative teams to have to play on narrow fields and a pitch like a minefield.

Unfortunately this ground had to be used as their main playing field had not been marked out.

Bankstown eventually ran out winners 2-0 after many chances. Khoa Tran was easily the best player for Bankstown on the field.

Bankstown also won the Under 11 match 3-1.

OAK TURNER CUP REPORT

FIRST time entrants St Leo's of Wahroonga have had a successful initiation into the competition.

They followed a narrow win over Ku-ring-gai with a fine 4-2 defeat of Killara. Playing good attack Soccer, keeping the ball wide St Leo's scored first before relaxing to allow the equaling goal.

They extended their lead to 4-1 before conceding a late consolation goal. Best players were Jason Drew, James Old, Steven Maranda and goalkeeper Peter Walker.

In a highlight match in Division 4 Cabramatta defeated Birrong 3-2. Cabramatta scored night from the kick off but Birrong, playing more as a team came back to lead 2-1 at the break.

After some well chosen words from their coach, Cabramatta started to put it all together and forged to

the lead, before surviving some hair raising moments during Birrong's storming finish in the last ten minutes of the game. Best players were centre forward Tony Telisman, who caused the opposition no end of trouble with his spend and captain Alex Romic, who led by example.

Riverstone have brought a smile back to the faces of their supporters, downest by their shock early elimination from the Commonwealth Bank competition. After a 15-0 first round victory, they triumphed 1-0 over Colyton in a very hard fought match.

The interesting matches to come in the third round are:

Division 1 St Leo's v Normanhurst Division 2 St Pat's Dunas v Model Farms Division 3 Riverstone v Bidwell Division 4 Patrican Bros Fairfield v Westfield: Cabramatta v Granville Division 5 Belmore or Hurstville v James Cook; Canterbury v Kingsgrove North; Janali v Kirrawee and Division 6 Sydney Tech v JJ Cahill.

JUNIOR GOSSIP

THE NSW Youth League last weekend reached the halfway mark with the competition so tight in all age groups that likely semi-finalists at this stage would be impossible to forecast.

In the Under 13 division no side has yet to emerge as definite title contenders, although Illawarra and Marconi appear to be the sides to beat.

The Under 14 age group contains a Marconi outfit who have very few weaknesses and will be very difficult to beat for the Metropolitan Championship.

Within the Under 15s, the sides most prominent so far have been the newly promoted Melita Eagles and Sydney Olympic.

The Under 16 age group contains a formidable Sydney Olympic, who are on target for their third consecutive Metropolitan Championship.

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Our junior correspondent from Wollongong DAVID TIMILLERO reports that the Illawarra Under 12 side recently clashed with Sutherland in the Metropolitan League.

Illawarra came away with a 1-0 win, but they had another reason to smile.

Sutherland had defeated Illawarra in the Centenary Cup State final 2-1 and the recent victory gave Illawarra a great deal of satisfaction.

Christian Demuth scored the winning goal after a precision pass from Mark Forte. Goalkeeper Scott Beckett also stood out.

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The Wollongong Wolves' coaching clinic, which was held over the May school holidays, was an enormous success with over 80 boys participating.

Wolves captain Ray Vliestra, Glen Fontana, youth coach John Frew and two players from the Wolves' youth side all helped to train the budding Soccerroos.

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The Illawarra Under 14 side are having a run with injuries.

Earlier in the year Mick Atsas broke his leg, then Adam Gray suffered a similar fate with his cheekbone, whilst playing Rugby League. He had a successful operation on his broken cheekbone and is hopeful of playing in a few weeks.

The latest on the injury list is Tony Grueski. He broke his leg, believe it or not, also playing Rugby League. Unfortunately Tony may miss the remainder of the season because of the injury.

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Congratulations are in order to Derek Noffke (U/13) and Angelo Piacentini (U/14) who have been selected in their respective age groups to represent NSW.

Considering that these squads boast many Sydney Metropolitan players, their selection is indeed a great achievement for regional based players.

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The largest knockout tournament within the Under 10 division, the Four n' Twenty Wedgewood Pies will commence on July 6.

The tournament is conducted by the ambitious and well organised Punchbowl District Soccer Club, who are affiliated with the Canterbury Association.

Punchbowl Soccer Club are grateful to have secured such a supportive sponsor, of which the tournament is named after.

Entries in the competition close on June 8, with a record number of participants anticipated by organisers.

"We are thrilled to have such a large company sponsoring what is without a doubt the biggest knock out tournament held in NSW," tournament organiser Fred Corben said this week.

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Country representative Soccer has progressed dramatically in recent seasons.

To maintain the rapid development of this program leading country official Lindsay Cosgrove recently tabled a long term plan for the future expansion of country rep football.

Cosgrove has put forward a proposal to capitalise on the groundwork put in by Bob Maundrell, former senior vice president of the NSWASF, who was the original architect of country reps.

The proposal put forward by Cosgrove recommends that in 1987 players come into camp at Parklea in the January school holidays, for a week.

Thirty boys will be hosted by the NSWASF, meaning 10 players from the three Country branches.

Players from the 1986 team will of course be automatically invited to attend the camp. There would be a coach and an assistant coach appointed to each team.

At the end of the camp the team would be selected.

The next stage would involve the three teams coming into camp during

the Easter Break, and then would also have a match against Northern NSW.

Then in the May school holidays, teams again would come back into camp and head to Coffs Harbour and play mid North Coast and a Northern NSW country select and then go on to Brisbane to play Northern Brisbane, Southern Brisbane and a Queensland Country select.

Over the June long weekend a round robin set of matches would be played, where country would play ACT and a Sydney representative squad.

Then during one weekend in July country reps would play against Victorian Country reps, possibly in a venue such as Albury.

The proposal is to be fully applauded and supported, and it is to be hoped that the enormous cost involved can be overcome.

Country Soccer should be promoted and assistance should be given by all levels of the code.

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It appears over the past few weeks a number of items in my 'Junior Gossip Section' has upset certain officials within the game.

There is no doubt whatsoever that the truth always hurts.

In my time with ASW we have yet to receive a solitary compliment on the hundreds of positive articles and massive coverage that have been written on the junior game.

ASW is without doubt the only major publication that has ever in the history of the game in NSW given junior Soccer such widespread coverage.

It is a pity a certain element within the game are tempted to use the 'legal sword' to overcome their damaged pride and egos.

Remember gentlemen, no matter what, you cannot hide the facts.

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APIA YOUTH LEAGUE NOTICE

One of NSW's leading junior clubs is now seeking applications for Youth League Coaches for the 1987 Soccer Season.

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School Name: Sarah Redfern High
Round Number: Two
School Played: James Meehan High
Result: James Meehan High 2 d Sarah Redfern High 0.
Scorers: Wayne Gallagher, John Farnar.
Best Players: (both teams) Guy Laurence, Troy Roberts, Joe McAuooy.

School Name: Shoalhaven High
Round Number: Two
School Played: Eden High

Result: Eden High 3 d Shoalhaven High 2.
Scorers: Eden Robert Beuzeville Shoal, Steven Martin, Jason Frost.

Best Players: (both teams) Eden: Robert Beuzeville, Peter McKinnone, David Plevy, Matthew Topalovic. Shoal: Peter Heycox, Jason Frost, Phillip Hay.

School Name: Hurstville Boys High
Round Number: Three

School Played: Dulwich High

Result: Hurst 1 (penalty 4) d Dulwich 1 (shoot-out 3).

Scorers: Leo Karagiannis (H), Remy Galloway (Dul).

Best Players: (both teams) Hurstville: Tom Golovodovski (g/keeper), Shane Walker (centre back). Dulwich: Con Kery (g/keeper) Hurstville played 70% territory and possession but couldn't finish off. Hurstville's forward's and attack midfield had poor games while the Dulwich keeper played well the Hurstville GK Tom saved 3 good shots in the penalty shoot out to win the game.

School: Wellington High

Round: Three
School Played: Dubbo Sth High

Result: Wellington 5 d Dubbo Sth 2.

Scorers: D Yates (D/S) 1, C Splitt (D/S) 1, D Zaloumas (W) 4, M Spratt (W) 1.

Best Players: D Yates (D/S), W Weeks (D/S), D Zaloumas (W), B Raynar (W).

School: Warren Central

Round: Three (Warren def Brewarruna in Rnd 2 on forfeit)

School Played: Dubbo High

Result: Dubbo 14 d Warren 3

Scorers: W Lefebvre 3 (W), B Evans 1 (D), D Allport 4 (D), P Dunn 7 (D), I Edmunds 1 (D), S Weeks 1 (D).

Best Players: G Cusack (W), W Lefebvre (W), P Dunn (D), G Day (D).

School: Warren Central

Round: One

School Played: Nyngan High

Result: Warren 4 d Nyngan 1

Scorers: C Gordon 1 (W), W Lefebvre 1 (W), D Cheslett 1 (W), R Peachey 1 (W), R Ryan 1 (N).

Best Players (none listed but how about) R Ryan (N), C McDermot (N), W Lefebvre (W), D Cheslett (W).

School: Dubbo South High

Round: One

School Played: Delroy High (Dubbo)

Result: Dubbo Sth 6 d Delroy 0

Scorers: D Yates (D/S) 4, P Turner (D/S) 1, D Skippen (D/S) 1

Best Players: D Yates (D/S), P Chapman (D/S), M Comber (Delroy), G Baird (Delroy).

School Name: Dubbo High

Round Number: Four (Regional Semi)

School Played: Canobolas High

Result: Dubbo 6 d Canobolas 0

Scorers: Damian Allport 2, Philip Dunn 4

Best Players: C Huebner (C), Philip Dunn (D), Daniel Barnes (D)

School Name: Bathurst High

Round Number: Four (Regional Semi Final)

School Played: Wellington High

Result: Bathurst 3 d Wellington 2

Scorers: Gavin Jeffries (B), Mark Rooke (B 2), Adrian Newman (W), Demitrios Zaloumas (W).

Best Players: M Rooke (B), Stephen Tranter (W), Gavin Jeffries (B).

School Name: Dubbo High

Round Number: Two

School Played: Bourke High

Result: Dubbo High 12 d Bourke High 0

Scorers: (Referee did not keep score perhaps understandably).

Best Players: (both teams) D Barnes (D), P Dun (D), B Evans (D), Di McMaster (g/keeper-Bourke poor bugger!)

School Name: Dubbo South High

Round Number: Two

School Played: Mudgee High

Result: Dubbo South 7 d Mudgee 4

Scorers: S Chapple (M) 2, D Walker (M) 1, A Fraser (M) 1, D Yates (D/S) 4, S Whatmore (D/S) 3.

Best Players: (both teams) D Yates (D/S), C Sargent (M), A Fraser (M), S Whatmore (D/S).

School Name: Wellington High

Round Number: Two

School Played: Gulgong

Result: Wellington 5 d Gulgong 0.

Scorers: D Zaloumas 3, J Pola 1, S Martin 1.

Best Players: (both teams) G Roberts (W), R Denoord (G), R Harris (G), D Zaloumas (W).

School Name: Wellington High

Round Number: One

School Played: Peak Hill

Result: Wellington 5 d Peak Hill 0

Scorers: D Zaloumas 3, S Brien 1, J Pola 1.

Best Players: (both teams) G Roberts (W), D Zaloumas (W), (Peak Hill 'keeper but his name illegible sorry!)

School Name: Dubbo High

Round Number: One

School Played: Narromine High

Result: Dubbo 5 d Narromine 0

Scorers: P Dunn (D) 3, G Holburn (D) 1, D Allport (D) 1.

Best Players: (both teams) P Dunn (D), J Kearns (N), M Byrne (N), G Holburn (D), D Barnes (D).

School Name: Whitebridge

Round Number: Three

School Played: Newcastle

Result: Whitebridge 3 d Newcastle 0

Scorers: Kahl Buchanan 2, Paul Ross 1 both Whitebridge

Best Players: (both teams) Stuart Horuath (g/keeper) (W), Steven Allenby, Scott Elliott (central defenders) (W), Stuart Bellingham (N), Karl Marjoribanks (N).

School Name: Elderslie High

Round Number: Three

School Played: Airds High

Result: Elderslie 6 d Airds 1

Scorers: Richard Lloyd 3, Andrew Geer

2, Graig Lomms 1, Paul Spokes 1.

Best Players: (both teams) Richard Lloyd (Eld) fine hat trick, Tony Ardovin (Eld) dominated the midfield, Sean Myers (Eld) attacked and defended well.

School Name: Dubbo High

Round Number: Five (Regional Final)

School Played: Bathurst High

Result: Dubbo 3 d Bathurst 0

Scorers: Ian Edwards 1, Philip Dunn 2

Best Players: (both teams) Philip Dunn (D), Mark Rooke (B), Gaum Jeffries (B), Daniel Barnes (D).

ROUND TWO

Warners Bay 5 d Jesmond 0, Merewether 3 d Lambton 2, Maitland d Toronto, Booragul 9 d Wallsend 0, Gateshead 3 d Swansea 0, Cardiff 5 d Glendale 3, Forster 0-2p d Rutherford 0-0p, West Wallsend 2 d Raymond Terrace 1.

ROUND THREE

Warners Bay 3 d Merewether 1, Booragul 6 d Maitland 0, Gateshead 3-4p d Cardiff 3-2p, West Wallsend 4 d Forster 2.

HUNTER REGION

ROUND ONE

Wallsend d Gloucester forfeit, Forster 2 d Nelson Bay 1, Toronto 3 d Kurri 1, West Wallsend 5 d Morisset 0, Kotara 2-4p d Booragul 2-1p, Waratah 2 d Raymond Terrace 1, Cardiff 2 d Swansea 1, Jesmond 3 d Gateshead 2, Cessnock 5 d Scone 0, Singleton 3 d Muswellbrook 0, Belmont d Lambton forfeit, Francis Greenway 5 d Dungog 0, Merewether 5 d Maitland 0, Glendale 3 d Rutherford 0, Newcastle 2-6p d Warners Bay 2-5p, Whitebridge 7

d Broadmeadow 0.

HUNTER REGION

ROUND TWO

Wallsend 3 d Forster 0, West Wallsend 2 d Toronto 1, Kotara 5 d Waratah 0, Cardiff v Jesmond (to play), Singleton 1 d Cessnock 0, Francis Greenway 1 d Belmont 0, Merewether 3 d Glendale 0, Whitebridge 3 d Newcastle 0.

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Kotara proved their penalty kick win over Booragul was not to be taken lightly when they over ran Waratah 5-0 in the second round of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup. They could be the dark horse of the Hunter Region.

Usual favourites Whitebridge, have notched ten goals in just two games — seven against Broadmeadow and three against Newcastle.

The other powerhouse side of the region, Merewether crushed Maitland 5-0 and Glendale 3-0 as well as defeating the top New Zealand school Hastings Boys High 2-1.

Up the valley, Singleton scored the only goal to beat Cessnock in a tough display.

Next Wednesday June 4 at Adamstown Rosebuds ground, Hunter Region converger John Hobson has arranged a top double-leader at 6.30pm Wallsend plays West Wallsend while at 8pm Whitebridge clash with Merewether.

The winner of this match is expected to emerge as the Regions top side in 1986.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

DIVISION 1

		U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
St George	vs B'town City	1-2	2-4	2-2	5-0
APIA	vs Illawarra	0-2	3-0	3-1	1-1
Gladesville	vs Melita	0-2	2-1	0-4	1-0
Syd Olympic	vs Nepean Assoc	6-1	5-0	5-0	3-2
Cant Marrick	vs Marconi	2-5	0-4	1-0	1-1

DIVISION 2

Central Coast	vs Granville	0-5	0-2	2-1	0-0
Macarthur	vs Nth Bankstown	2-0	1-1	3-2	2-1
Avala	vs Sutherland	0-6	3-4	0-0	1-2
Manly Assoc	vs Ku-ring-gai	0-3	2-2	2-2	3-0
Sydney City	vs Sthn Districts	2-3	3-0	1-1	df

DIVISION 3

Canterbury	vs Croatia Syd	0-3	0-2	1-4	1-1
Syd Yugai	vs Campbelltown	3-0	0-4	3-1	1-0
B'town Assoc	vs Blacktown Ass	1-3	0-0	2-4	1-1
Rockdale	vs Polonia Syd	1-1	2-3	9-0	1-0

ROUND TWO

Corrimal 2 d Dapto 0, Port Kembla 3 d Berkeley 0, Keira 2 d Kiama 1, Woonona 2 d Shoalhaven 0, Smith's Hill 1-6p d Edmund Rice 1-5p, Bomaderry 4 d Ulladulla 2, Warrawong 6 d Lake Illawarra 2, Kanahooka 4 d Holy Spirit 2.

OAK-BILL TURNER CUP

SOUTH COAST

ROUND ONE

Berkley 3 d Warilla 1, Shoalhaven 5 d Nowra 0, Smith's Hill 1-7p d Bulli 1-6p, Lake Illawarra 6 d Oakflats 0.

NEW ZEALAND SIDES DO WELL

THE two New Zealand school sides resiting Australia recently had very successful tours.

Hamilton Boys High were making their second trips while for Hastings Boys High it was their initial venture.

Results were:—

Hamilton 2 d Knox 0, Hamilton 2 draw Knox 2, Hamilton 2 d Brisbane Grammar 1, Hamilton 1 draw The Southport School 1, Hamilton 3 d Glendale 2, Hamilton 3 d Maitland 0.

Hastings 2 draw Brisbane Boys College 2, Hastings 2 d Booragul 0, Hastings 1 lost Merewether 2.

Soccer has made rapid progress at Hastings since the arrival of deputy principal Paul Matthews. He was the driving force for the code at his previous school Cambridge and his enthusiasm has not diminished since his transfer at Hastings.

Players who impressed were David Bowden, David Bone, Chris Davis, Phillip Ramsay Hamish Davison and Ross Palmer.



ALL the competitors in the Sorbo-Olympics played in Vorden-Holland are pictured. This tournament was won by Australia's Sydney City over such notable sides such as Cologne from West Germany.

STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

W'GONG MAC 1 MELITA 0

THIS match could well be described as the finest performance by Wollongong Macedonia of the season and nearly all time.

Generally Macedonia dominated the match and looked likely to score with some outstanding moves created by midfielder Anthony Welbourne.

Midway through the first half the goal came with the two best players on the day involved. Welbourne picked the ball up in his own half and went through some ordinary defence, beating quite a few players before laying the ball on for Dean Gardiner who slotted it home.

Only five minutes later as if it wasn't enough the first time Welbourne went through the same way again and surprisingly Melita were unable to pick him up again. This time he fed Paul Giraldo who is usually a trusted left-footer but he took it on his right foot and drove the ball past the upright.

The huge crowd were absolutely wrapt with the first half.

In the second half Melita opened up, showing a bit more enterprise through John Foxman and Wayne Farnsworth but the finishing wasn't there.

With Melita pushing forward more Gardiner

broke into the clear twice with only the keeper to beat both times but was denied by the number one — Dragan Pupovac.

ROCKDALE 2 AVALA 1

IN the 17th minute Tor-tevski scored for Rockdale from a free-kick from just outside the area. A lot of good work from Tony Genovese led to the free-kick.

In the 35th minute Nasteovski scored virtually from the same distance on the other side of the area after some good work by the Rockdale midfield.

Avala replied in the 51st minute through Marajanovic after the ball had been inadvertently flicked back by a Geoff Wilson header.

Best for Rockdale were Nasteovski, Tor-tevski, Rodas and Geoff Wilson.

Atlagic and Cootes stood out for Avala.

It was an exceptional first 45 minutes, good to watch with plenty of action as Avala came out breathing fire in front of 2000 people.

SA State League

State League 1st Division

Azzurri 1 Salisbury 1
Beograd 1 Modbury 0
Croatia 2 Polonia 0
Elizabeth 0 Hellas 1

Birkalla 0 Campbelltown 0

Para Hills 1 Lion 1
Croatia 12 7 3 - 1 24 10

19 Campbelltown 12 7 4 - 1 24 12 18

Hellas 12 7 4 - 2 22 10

16 Salisbury 12 5 6 - 1 19 11 16

Azzurri 12 5 2 - 5 19 18 12

Polonia 12 5 2 - 5 15 14 12

Beograd 12 5 3 - 3 20 18 13

Lion 12 3 4 - 5 22 21 10

Para 12 3 2 - 7 17 23 8

Birkalla 12 3 2 - 7 10 21 8

Modbury 12 3 1 - 7 14 28 7

Elizabeth 12 2 1 - 9 9 22 5.

ACT Federation Cup 2nd round.

Tuggeranong 1 Electric Shadows nil

Kambah United 1 Canberra City 1 (Kambah won on penalties 5-4)

Belwest 2 ADFA 2 (ADFA one 3-1 on penalties)

CCAE 5 Canberra United 2

Goulburn 3 GB United 3 (Goulburn won 4-2 on penalties)

Canberra City Harcourt 3 ANU 1

Concordia Phillip 4 Wanderers nil

Belconnen 2 Narrabundie 1

Croatia Deakin nil Weston Creek nil (Croatia won 2-1 on penalties)

ACT Womens Association

June Tournament Division One semi-final

Putney Town 4 Weston Creek nil

Parramatta City 3 Belconnen United nil

Final

Putney Town 2 Parramatta City nil

Division 2 semi final

Kambah United 3 Belconnen United nil

Parramatta City 4 ANU nil

Final

Parramatta City nil Kambah United nil (after extra time. Parramatta won 4-3 on penalties).

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Wollongong Mac v Melita Eagles	1-0	1-5	2-1
Fairy Meadow v Uruguayan Auburn	0-1	2-1	0-1
Warringah F/Water v Manly Warringah	1-1	2-3	1-6
Sutherland v Ku-ring-gai	0-2	1-0	4-0
Avala v Rockdale Ilinden	1-2	4-1	1-6
Polonia v Penrith City	1-3	2-1	2-3

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Campbelltown City v Canterbury & Dist	3-0	1-1	1-0
Gladesville Hornsby v Kingsford Hellenic	1-3	2-2	0-2
Queens Park v Bathurst '75	2-0	2-2	3-1
SSC Yugal v Dee Why Swans	0-0	5-1	4-0
Nth Bankstown v Bankstown Lebanon	0-0	5-1	Banks forfeit
Blacktown United v Artarmon	2-0	3-0	

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

King Tomislav v Campbelltown Gunn	4-3	1-5	1-0
Port Hacking v Mt Druitt Town	0-4	3-6	1-1
Rooty Hill v Bondi Marine	0-1	0-3	0-3
West United v Moorebank L'pool	2-0	0-0	2-2
Baulkham Hills v Nth Ryde RSL	3-0	3-0	1-1
Granville Chile v Uni of NSW	0-0	1-1	3-0

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Padstow Park v Fairfield Kiev	3-2	1-0
Sydney Uni v CSI Schofields	3-0	5-0
Concordia v Nineveh Eagles	3-0	2-1

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

Hawkesbury Dist v Maroubra United	0-1	3-4
Hurstville Zagreb v Green Valley Utd	2-3	2-2
Liverpool City v Chile Sports	4-2	3-0
Wentworth v Macquarie Uni	0-1	1-6
Rosebery v Traralgon Sports	2-1	5-2
Pagewood v Dulwich Hill	2-3	1-5

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

Lansvale v Chullora	5-0	2-2
Robins v Greenisland	0-4	1-4
Welcome Sports v Haberfield B/D's	2-2	3-1
Rangers Hadjuk v Blacktown Wands	3-1	4-1
Sydney Maccabi v Colo Colo	0-4	1-2
Petersham Lusitanos v Concord Juniors	1-2	1-2

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

Abruzzi v Argentinian Lid	1-1	4-0
Lithgow Workers v Crescent Star	0-3	2-0
Castle Hill v Murray Farm Rang	2-1	0-2
Jedinstvo United v Columbian	3-3	2-7
Cyprus United v Macedonia Yagoona	1-4	0-0

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

Cobrolova v Santiago Wand	2-3	2-0
Calabria v Hellas Poseidon	1-2	5-0
Nth Rocks v Macedonia Eagles	4-1	4-2
Orange Waratah v Arncliffe RSL	2-1	1-0

Manly Warringah	10	5	3	2	14	7	13
Wollongong	10	5	3	2	8	4	13
Ku-ring-gai	10	4	4	2	10	7	12
Warringah F/W	10	5	2	3	18	17	12
Melita Eagles	10	4	3	3	18	8	11
Avala	10	4	3	3	10	7	11
Rockdale	10	5	1	4	17	14	11
Uruguayan	10	3	5	2	8	10	11
Sutherland	10	4	2	4	10	11	10
Polonia	10	2	4	4	11	19	8
Fairy Meadow	10	2	0	8	10	15	4
Penrith City	10	2	0	8	11	26	4

NANDA CUP

SYDNEY CITY brushed aside Brisbane City and emerged as Nanda Cup favourites in their quarter final clash at Brisbane's Perry Park last week.

The Slickers, who amazingly have never won the National knock-out competition, came back from a goal down to win the tie 3-1.

The defeat ended Brisbane City's hopes of a third success in the competition and shattered their dream of salvaging something from a disappointing season.

The Brisbane side started the game with a determination and will to win that has sadly been lacking for much of the year. The fiery start caught Sydney City by surprise and it took only two minutes for Luciano Fabrizio to latch onto a Dean Milosevic cross and fire his shot past a casual Alex McPherson.

Brisbane City clung to

that lead until just four minutes before half time when Murray Barnes cleverly chipped over Brisbane keeper Robert Harrison for the equaliser.

The goal sunk the Brisbane team and the second half was all Sydney City. A goal in the 53rd minute from substitute Abbas Saad, who had replaced Grant Lee in the 15th minute after the youngster had split his head, and another in the 68th by Jean Paul de Marigny settled the issue. Towards the end it became a matter of by how many Sydney City would win.

With Adelaide City, Heidelberg and Canberra being the remaining sides in the competition, Eddie Thomson's team just might clinch the elusive trophy this time.

BRISBANE CITY: Harrison, Perry, Archer (Hogg 73), Fabrizio, Bromfield, Hamilton, Lettieri, Milosevic, Cooper, White (Catalano 73), Mengotti.

SYDNEY CITY: McPherson, Rodriguez, Robertson, O'Connor, de Marigny, Barnes, Gomez, Farina, Kosmina, Lee (Saad 15), Falconer.

REFEREE: Rob Davies.

SBS-TV IN ACTION

IT's just two hours after midnight as people start filing into a building in Cliff Street, Milsons Point, slowly but surely cracking the cathedral silence which exists at that time of morning.

Bleary eyed, the make-up girl, technicians, commentators, panel-guests, floor-directors, camera-operators, script-girls, audio-people, producers etc, all stream into the SBS studios to take up their battle-stations.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

They are the people employed by SBS-TV who have turned up to commence preparational work every morning over the last two weeks to bring to the Australian Soccer fan Live telecasts from Mexico of the 13th World Cup.

The building, on the shores of the Sydney Harbour, houses the studios of SBS-TV.

It's 2.30am and Les Murray, the Station's Soccer presenter, heads for the make-up room.

Johnny Warren, former Australian World Cup captain and the shows' Soccer analyst, arrives at 2.45am with a stack of paper-work and telexes with last minute information from Mexico. He also is quickly ushered into Make-up.

Gallons of coffee are being brewed in the staff-room, fuel for the early morning crew.

Les Scheinflug, Marconi's coach, lobs in minutes later as a guest for the show.

SBS's Executive Sports-producer, Gary Thornthwaite, one of Australia's youngest producers, is highly active.

Gary races around the building checking the Control Room which is loaded with T.V. monitors. He checks everything in the recording studio which has been set up with three cameras and monitors for his guests.

He then races across to brief his audio technician with last minute instructions, answers telephone calls from Mexico City and scans through metres of late telexes flooding in from Mexico.

Last minute intructions flow out from Thornthwaite to his entire crew as he prepares his squad to bring Australia another Live telecast of a World Cup match from Mexico.

It's 3.55 am, five minutes before "blast-off" Live.

Problems surface left and right from Mexico as the "hombres" manage to mess things up repeatedly and test Gary's patience.

Audio in German or



GARY THORNTWHAITE

Russian flows into the line beamed to Australia out of Mexico instead of English.

With countdown now only seconds away and Australia on stand-by, Audio is in trouble.

Gary races across to his audio technician who is bent over his "Mixer-board" fighting to correct the mess with Mexico.

Audio is lost coming out of Hong Kong as SBS goes to air.

Gary Thornthwaite springs into action. In a flash he is frantically dialling London asking permission to cut into the B.B.C. audio and "marry" it into his original visual signal.

The BBC gives him the OK and the "patched-up" work is done and THE SHOW GOES ON.

This is SBS-TV in action.

SBS Live telecasts continue all this week and joining Les Murray and Johnny Warren as special guests in the studios during the week will be Les Scheinflug and then Atti Abonyi. National coach Frank Arok joins the panel next Friday morning for the coverage of Northern Ireland against Brazil.

Arok will remain on the panel with Murray and Warren for Saturday's match, Scotland vs Uruguay. Arok will be back on deck again for the remaining Stage 2 matches that will be covered by SBS-TV.

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SATURDAY 14th JUNE

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Kingsford Hellenic	vs Campbelltown City	Kensington Oval
Bathurst '75	vs North Bankstown	Proctor Park

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Bondi Marine	vs Baulkham Hills	Waverley Oval
Moorebank L'pool	vs Rooty Hill	Hammondville Oval

SUNDAY 15th JUNE

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Penrith City	vs Melita Eagles	Cook Park
Uruguayan Auburn	vs Wollongong Mac.	Mona Park
Manly Warringah	vs Fairy Meadow	Cromer Park
Sutherland Shire	vs Warringah F/Water	Seymour Shaw Park
Ku-ring-gai	vs Rockdale Ilinden	Parklands Oval
Polonia	vs Avala	Chopin Park

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Campbelltown City	vs Artarmon	Blick Oval
Bankstown Lebanon	vs Gladesville Hornsby	Jensen Oval
Dee Why Swans	vs Queens Park	Dee Why Oval
Blacktown United	vs SSC Yugal	Francis Park

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Camp'town Gunners	vs Uni of NSW	Bensley Road
Mt Druitt Town	vs King Tomislav	Popondetta Park
North Ryde RSL	vs Port Hacking	Magdala Park
Granville Chile	vs West United	Garside Park

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THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

THE ITALIANS ARE COMING

IT is now official that the Italian women's team will be coming to Australia this year. The tour was confirmed this week by the A.W.S.A.

As reported last week in ASW, there were rumours bandied around that the Italians had requested a tour of Australia.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Now we are told that Italy has sent Australia a telex requesting a tournament to be held here.

The Italians expressed a great keenness that they would be willing to participate in such a tournament later this year.

The AWSA informs us that they propose to organise a three match series with the Italians at the conclusion of the National Championships in Adelaide.

The second "Test" would be played during the week in Melbourne with the final and possible decider to be staged in Sydney on either the 20th or 21st of September.

On hearing the news, Australia's coach, Fred Robins expressed jubilation.

"That's marvellous news. Australia dearly wants far more international opponents for our girls and the Italians have a very high reputation."

"Some of our girls have seen what they are like when they met up with them in China a couple of seasons back in a tournament," Robins said.

Robins, from Brisbane last night, added, "They are a classy outfit and will pull in the

crowds with the correct promotion behind the tournament."

"They are a highly skillful side and play attractive Soccer."

Meanwhile the AWSA has been warned by the Italians that their side has to return to Italy by September 27th for another tournament that has been scheduled for them to play in.

Their touring arrangements are very tight but Italy very much wants to include Australia in their jaunt.

FIRST OFFICIAL WOMEN'S WORLD CUP IN 1988

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE A.W.S.A. is awaiting further information from F.I.F.A. (the World governing body based in Zurich), regarding the first Women's World Cup in 1988.

Most of F.I.F.A.'s officials are currently over in Mexico.

The Zurich contingent are flat out busily engaged in staging the 13th Men's World Cup, involving 24 nations and played in 12 stadiums.

The World Cup in Mexico culminates with the final to be played on June 29.

As previously reported in ASW some weeks ago, this paper has been in touch with

F.I.F.A. already and they have confirmed to us that the venue is more than likely to be Hong Kong.

F.I.F.A. also confirmed that the World Cup will definitely be staged in 1988.

The only other confirmation we could get from Switzerland at that time was that participating nations would be by invitation only and that girls only over the age of 16 would be allowed to take part.

The A.W.S.A. is expecting a reply from F.I.F.A. sometime in early July.

Area, ability, track record and current standings would play a major role in influencing such invitations.

The envisaged tour by the Italians in September will be of an enormous help to National coach, Fred Robins to sort out his national squad in early preparation for 1988.

This he has to do from now with Hong Kong as his target in 1988.

Young, fresh material has to be spotted by Robins and drafted into his national training squad for experience.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO JIM AND BETTY

JIM SELBY, former National coach for over eight consecutive years and currently employed as a regional Queensland Director of Coaching based on the Gold Coast, has finally been honoured.

Selby was recently nominated by Queensland to receive a Life Membership by the A.W.S.A. for his wonderful, long services to Women's Soccer.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Betty Hoare, Victoria's popular former National team-manageress was also nominated for a Life Membership for her services to Soccer at State, National and International levels.

Both nominations were made by the South Queensland Women's Soccer Association.

Betty has been a strong servant to the A.W.S.A. since 1974 in various capacities.

She has held the Victorian Secretary's position over many years.

In 1979 she was elected National Secretary to the A.W.S.A.

The A.W.S.A.'s Board has accepted both nominations.

All that remains now is for the official acceptances to come in from all the nine States.



Jim Selby.

Betty was team-manageress for the National squad in 1981 that toured New Zealand and again held that position in 1983 when Aus-

tralia travelled to Hawaii and then later to New Caledonia in 1983 for the first Oceania Cup tournament in Noumea.

Selby has devoted much time and thoughts over the years to the Women's code conducting countless coaching clinics for both players as well as aspiring coaches.

The nominations are deemed as a fitting recognition and reward for Jim's and Betty's devotion and commitment over the many years in Women's Soccer.

LARGE SPONSORS REQUIRED

TO stage such an international tournament will require an enormous outlay by the AWSA, funds which obviously they do not have.

However, the Government could come in with some assistance under the banner of "Cultural Exchange" with a reasonable grant.

To such a grant, the A.W.S.A. could also cast its net out across to large Italian corporations and business houses based in Australia.

Such names must include Alitalia, Alfa Romeo, Antico, Brescia Furniture, Cinzano, Fiorrelli Wines, Lotto International Sportswear, Nanda Spaghetti, Nick Scali Furniture just to rattle off but a few.

As well, large Soccer clubs playing in the National Soccer League with large Italian backing, must also be approached for their support assistance and involvement.

The largest are Marconi and Apia based in Sydney, Adelaide City in South Australia and Brunswick Juventus in Melbourne.

BELOW is a picture depicting a brawl which the national squads from Italy and Mexico became embroiled in.



MEDIA

BESIDES any cash sponsorships that could be obtained from these N.S.L. clubs, just the mere use of their stadiums would be an enormous assistance, especially for

any night games as they are all equipped with flood-lighting.

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HEATHER REID, the A.W.S.A.'s National Director, has had a busy schedule the last few days.

Last week she completed her visit to Adelaide for discussions for the senior championships to be staged there in September.

Further meetings regarding the State and National Development Plans and the proposed tour by the Italians also involved her time.

Over the long weekend, Ms Reid was up in

Gosford in Northern NSW for their State titles.

Ms Reid was introduced to the Northern NSW delegates there and held a brief meeting with them.

At the end of this month, she travels to Brisbane to meet the South Queensland delegates and reviews Association matters with the National President, Mrs E. Watson.

National Director, Ms Heather Reid.

FERVENT FANS MAKING LIFE HARD FOR STUART

BY RAY GATT

THERE is a no more fervent or demanding group of supporters than those of the Olympic Airways Soccer League club Sydney Olympic.

To them football is more of a passion than a sport. It is a weekly outlet for their emotions.

Like supporters all over, they like nothing better than winning. They are also prone to hero-worshipping, but they can be just as cruel at the other end of the scale.

For a Sydney Olympic player, Soccer can be kind. The fans will carry him off the ground on their shoulders chanting his name and throwing money at him if he has helped the team to win.

But, lose form for a

match or two, cost the team a win through mistakes or not give them what they want and he will soon be singled out for abuse.

Olympic's early season buy from Melbourne, Stuart Stevenson is finding that acceptance by those fans and the Greek press is not easily achieved.

Because he has not been able to score goals, the likeable Scot has found it hard going to win over the fickle Olympic supporters.

Indeed, the fans and

Greek press have taken to deriding Stevenson at every opportunity.

Things have become worse over the last few weeks. He was dropped for the game against Sydney City three weeks ago before coming on as a replacement in that match.

Then in a Nanda Cup game against Canberra last Friday week he started off the match before being hauled off at half-time after missing a couple of chances. Olympic lost 1-0.

Stevenson, close to tears, was a devastated man after the game.

"What can I do? The coach has sacked me and people don't want

anything to do with me," Stevenson said.

"I know there have been a few people on my back.

"I know they want me to score goalsevery game. I want to score every game, but it is not possible. I have been playing a more supporting role for players like Chris Kalantzis and Marshall Soper.

"I have been fairly happy with my form, although I know it can get better. But, the fans don't seem to understand.

"I know how they feel, but if they can show some faith in me I'm sure I can repay them."

Stevenson is aware of the pressures, having played with the Greek-backed Heidelberg in Melbourne before shifting to Sydney.

"You get used to it," he said. "The Greek press treat you like a God when you first go to the club then, if a few things go wrong, they get on your back."

When Stevenson scored the winning goal against Wollongong in an early Nanda Cup game recently he got a taste of how warm the Olympic fans can be.

It appeared he had won them over with that goal but, as Tom Doumanis, the Olympic President pointed out: "Greeks are more demanding than that."



STUART STEVENSON on the ball, he has been given a hard time at Olympic by the fans.

COACHES BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO FEDERATION

TWO of the most capable coaches administrators in Northern NSW, Shane Tull and Phil Northey have breathed new life into the State Coaches Federation.

This year their enthusiasm and energy has really rubbed off on their colleagues and membership has climbed rapidly.

BY BILL TURNER

Top coaches like Willie Gallagher, Paul Keogh, Ken Kaiser, Lee Bee and the like are working and preparing for meetings, courses, clinics and camps.

"FAMILY REASONS" brought Les Bee to Newcastle and it didn't take long for him to become involved in the Northern NSW Soccer scene.

Almost immediately he was elected vice-president of the State Coaches Association, to be followed by his accepting the challenging role of coach of the Adamstown club in the first division.

Officials and players have responded to the style of play that Les has introduced to the red

and greens.

Arriving in Australia in 1970 he played for Canterbury and Riverside Rapids before returning to England in 1972 for three years.

Les came back to Australia and settled in the ACT. He became State Director of Coaching five years ago and attended the country's first Level IV course. In addition he is a staff coach for the ASF.

Two seasons ago he coached the ACT Secondary Schools side to win the ASSF National Championships by beating NSW CHS in the final held at Spencer Park, Brisbane.

Realising the valuable property in their midst, the Northern NSW Directors chose Les to guide the fortunes of the states under 16 representative side this season.

TERRY HAMPTON of Wallsend High School is the senior co-ordinator

for the OAK Bill Turner Cup and the schools representative on the Northern NSW Soccer Council.

His son Michael, a former student at Booragul High, toured the UK and parts of Europe in a local side to play in the Ipswich Cup series. Michael later played for the Newcastle United youth team and on a couple of occasions had first team experience with United.

However, Terry's early football was as a Rugby League referee where he was rated very highly. For his services to that code he was recently awarded life membership of the Referees Association.

THE Northern NSW Fixtures Committee carefully arranged a free Saturday to allow Newcastle Rosebuds to have the day unopposed.

All Federation matches were set down for either the Anzac Day Friday or the following Sunday to make it possible.

Everything looked good for Rosebuds to drag in the fans, except

the NSL executive called them to Sydney for the Nanda Cup match on Anzac Day.

Newcastle supporters were left without any football on the Saturday.

KEVIN Meacock has already proved to be a valuable buy for Austral United.

Despite being well marked each game he is giving the fans plenty to cheer and talk about.

Part of a conversation overheard after the Adamstown game went like this: "Hope Meacock doesn't become too good, or the Sydney cheque books will be out."

ONE of Newcastle Rosebud Uniteds top players last season, John McQuarrie recently underwent cosmetic surgery for injuries he received in a car accident about this time in 1985.

At the moment he is lining up with Adamstown under coach Les Bee in his customary half back position.

BRING IN THREE POINTS FOR A WIN

THE groundswell of opinion emerging in favor of the re-introduction of a three points for a win system in the reorganised National League next year must be given deep and careful consideration before being dismissed by the league.

Many opinions have been expressed on this matter since Les Murray raised it on SBS television recently and while it is unusual for Soccer people to be in agreement on many subjects this is one that seems to have the support of everyone you speak to.

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

Coaches want it, players want it and most important of all, the fans most certainly want to see it introduced. That being the case, why is there such reluctance by NSL chairman, Sam Papasavas to give the league's blessing to something that everyone in the game obviously wants?

The system has been in operation in the English League for many years and has been clearly successful. Every one of the 92 clubs in one of the most professional leagues in the world has accepted and is happy with the three point system.

Maybe the league is fearful of being seen to follow the British once again, but if something is needed and wanted by the consumer, who cares where the idea originated from? We may even do well to consider doing away with the theatrics of some referees in waving yellow cards as the British have done, but that's another story.

If it's tradition that the NSL is worried about, nobody respects and upholds their long traditions as much as the British do, but even they saw the need for a change in their game.

It's worth repeating

that nobody in England has since regretted it. All the three point system does is simply devalue the profit from a draw and there's surely nothing wrong with that.

Every team is bound to go for broke in an effort to collect three points, they will risk losing the one that may have been gained from a draw and that is precisely what the fans want to see.

If we want to add drama and excitement to our game I would even take this proposal one step further. Cup ties, European Cup Finals and even World Cup semi finals have been decided on penalty kicks after matches were drawn.

Everyone agrees that it's not the fairest means of obtaining a decision, but it sure provides a dramatic climax to a match. If that system is good enough to put a team through to a World Cup final, one would think that it should also be good enough to decide a humble National Soccer League fixture.

We could therefore combine both proposals and have a penalty shoot out at the end of 90 minutes in any drawn league match. This system will then award 3 points for a win in normal time, 2 points for a win on penalties, 1 point for the loser of a penalty shootout and no points for a loss in normal time.

While this may sound a little complicated on paper, it's really not that difficult to comprehend. If nothing else it would eliminate the empty feeling that one gets at the end of most drawn matches, a feeling of

anti climax.

Every match will produce a definite result that will either provide elation to the winners or despair to the losers and when everything is said and done, that's what Soccer is all about.

Imagine the sense of anticipation towards the end of a closely fought championship race with all the possible permutations that a system such as this can provide.

What about the excitement and high drama of a championship deciding penalty shootout?

One could debate the fact that it may be an unfair method of winning a title, but is it that much less fair than the present possibility of one team becoming champions on the strength of goal difference? I very much doubt it.

One of the few logical arguments against all this would have to be the departure from a long standing tradition. It would certainly be a radical change but it is one that the game badly needs.

A suggestion that a World Cup semi final could be decided on penalties 30 years ago would have been regarded as preposterous and quite unthinkable, yet today it is a perfectly accepted fact of life.

The value of an away goal counting double in the event of a drawn European Cup tie would have been laughable at that time but it has now become a part of tactical planning.

Radical changes have been a part and parcel of the game for many years and nobody is ever going to stop them from evolving.

The only certainty is that what is unthinkable today will become the tradition of tomorrow and those who only look at the past will merely delay the inevitable.

VALUE FOR MONEY

THE Queensland Soccer Federation is getting value for money in its \$16,000 Ampol Cup statewide knockout competition.

A slight format change has resulted in one of the most interesting city qualifying stages ever held. And indications are at least one "minnow" could get through to the quarter-finals, and possible more.

Twenty-five aspirants were drawn into five groups under the new format. Each group must play a round robin with the leading team going through to the quarter-finals where they will be joined by the three country region qualifiers.

And upset results have been the norm rather than the exception in the qualifying round-robins. Shock re-

sults included Intermediate League club Annerley edging out state champions Ipswich United, and XXXX League club Grange Thistle losing to Brisbane City's Intermediate League side and even more surprisingly, going down to amateurs, Nerang. Thistle now appear no chance of making the quarter-finals while Ipswich cannot afford to drop any further points.

The Ampol Cup has been won for the past two years by North Star, but their path to the final again looks tough. Stars had one of the qualifying games abandoned when the referee

ruled the light inadequate.

The QSF was left with no option but to reschedule the match mid-week, which gave North Star the unenviable program of four matches in eight days. But Stars player-coach Iain Fagan was not overly upset.

"It's better than training," he said.

But whether North Star can survive the hectic program and advance to the quarters remains to be seen.

Results in other groups have been inconsistent and the interest in each group will continue right until the end of this week when the final qualifying matches will be played.

When the format was first changed some predicted there would be a lot of dead ties at the end of the qualifying rounds. But that certainly now will not eventuate.

The Ampol Cup final will be played on August 17.